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"Finding the right work is like
discovering your own soul
in the world."

— Thomas Moore



ON THE COVER

In a recent national student satisfaction inventory, Cedarville's career services office ranked number one. Nearly 300 private and public institutions participated in the survey.

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LEARNING COMMUNITY EQUIPPING STUDENTS FOR
LIFELONG LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE THROUGH AN
EDUCATION MARKED BY EXCELLENCE AND
GROUNDED IN BIBLICAL TRUTH.

We Want to Hear From You!

Share your thoughts with *Inspire* readers by sending us your letters. We work to bring you interesting articles that tell the Cedarville story from a variety of lenses, and we have created this page so you can continue the story.



Update From Togo

Since the last *Inspire* ("Twenty Years in Togo," Spring 2011), our team of nursing students traveled to Togo, West Africa, and back. We provided biblically based nursing care to Togolese patients and families at the Hôpital Baptiste Biblique, a ministry of ABWE, and at outpatient clinics.

Among the highlights of our time in Togo was seeing fruits of our long-term investment in this special part of the world. Brenda Mastin '86 is leading a growing ministry in southern Togo. She is training teams to teach families, pastors, and church members the ministry of Christlike compassion for individuals infected by AIDS. Another special memory was witnessing the wedding of Ablam and Pidenam, two Togolese nurses who were my students at the hospital. What a joy to see them choose to use nursing as a ministry for Christ.

Thank you for your prayers on our behalf. We know of at least 16 individuals who trusted Christ. Rejoice and pray with me for these new brothers and sisters!

Lois K. Baker, Ph.D., RN
Senior Professor of Nursing

Army Strong

Needless to say, I loved the article on my daughter, Sarah Greenberg '09 ("War Stories," Spring 2011). We are very proud of her and all the other soldiers who are giving so much. We always enjoy the articles in *Inspire*, and now it's very special to us. I love the pictures in Alumnotes and always read the President's Perspective to see what Dr. Brown is reading.

Jane Greenberg
Westwood, New Jersey

Full Circle



Do you have a story about a delightfully unexpected Cedarville connection? Visit cedarville.edu/inspire to tell us about it!

Jennifer (Kamauf) Kuczynski's '96 unique story about reconnecting with Candice Rankin through a Cedarville sweatshirt ("Connected by Cotton," Spring 2011) inspired us to create the Serendipity feature in *Inspire*.

Candice and her husband, Joel, flew from New Zealand to Michigan in June for a five-week stay with Jennifer and her husband, Kevin '96. Jennifer and Candice brought their sweatshirts to Cedarville in July and enjoyed a look around campus before heading to Walt Disney World!

Send us a letter and tell us what you think of material published in *Inspire*. Please limit your comments to 200 words and include your name, class year (for alumni), city, and state. Anonymous letters will not be printed. Printed letters may be edited for space and clarity and may not necessarily reflect the views of the University. Submit your letter to *Inspire*, Cedarville University, 251 N. Main St., Cedarville, OH 45314, or cedarville.edu/inspire.

OneVoice Gospel Choir
took their joyful worship on
tour in Sydney, Australia.



Singing at Hillsong

To hear Justin Spann '06 tell it, "It was totally a God thing." Justin, who directs Cedarville's OneVoice Gospel Choir, led an ensemble of 19 members from the choir to Australia this summer with Missions Involvement Services (MIS). With less than a month before departure, the team had a full week left unscheduled in Sydney. With neither booking nor housing, he wondered if he should simply cancel the tour. "But God, in His goodness, showed us grace," said Justin.

In June, Justin made contact with Tracy Steyn, a gospel radio personality in Sydney. She listened to some of the choir's music online and agreed to house the team at no charge and arrange venues for them to sing that week. "She played our CD, *Free to Worship*, on her radio program for three weeks," said Justin.

Just days before the team's departure, he was stunned to receive an e-mail from Australia. Would the team be available to lead worship for a Friday night youth event ... at Hillsong?

Sydney's Hillsong is a multinational church with congregations in nine countries. They are perhaps best known in the United States for their music label and Hillsong United band, which has produced worship songs like *Shout to the Lord* and *Mighty to Save*.

"As a musician and worship leader," said Justin, "I admire their ability to lead God's people in worship across cultural and generational barriers. They have been writing and producing quality music that engages the nations for a long time."

The team was impressed by Hillsong's detailed care to create an atmosphere of worship. "The time their band spent working on each microphone and monitor and perfecting the lighting and visual media was inspiring," Justin said.

Everything done with quality — Justin, a Cedarville graduate, could relate. "They create an environment that embodies Psalm 150: they use everything at their disposal to praise the Lord," he said.

While students might have felt starstruck to have such an impressive platform, the humility and genuineness of Hillsong's band and tech crew made the team feel right at home. "The people were so down-to-earth and service-minded," said Jordan Doyle '12. "They took the time to learn our names and made our needs a priority. They treated us like they were honored to have us there while we felt honored to be there."

The OneVoice ensemble had planned to sing only one song, but they were so well received they were asked to sing several more before joining the Hillsong band to lead the youth in one of their own worship songs.

"The atmosphere was filled with so much energy and total acceptance," said Brittany Smith '14. "I will never forget how it felt to serve God in a place that felt totally free."

"Lord, You are good, and Your mercy endureth forever," OneVoice sang. These opening lyrics from their song *You Are Good* embodied the grateful spirit of each team member. "We nearly canceled this trip," said Justin. "Yet in that one week, we led worship at Hillsong, met many unbelievers at outreach concerts, heard our CD on a Sydney gospel radio program, and, as a result, Australia's largest Christian music and bookstore purchased our CD to make available in stores across the country and in England."

"The Bible says God can do exceedingly above all that we can ask or imagine," Justin said. "It seems He used this experience to demonstrate the reality of that verse to us."

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student stats



Who are this year's SGA officers?



The Student Government Association (SGA) is the representative assembly of the student body. The purpose of SGA includes planning Friday chapel services, supporting a harmonious school atmosphere, and helping to provide extracurricular activities.



President

Chase Summerlin '13
Caseyville, Illinois

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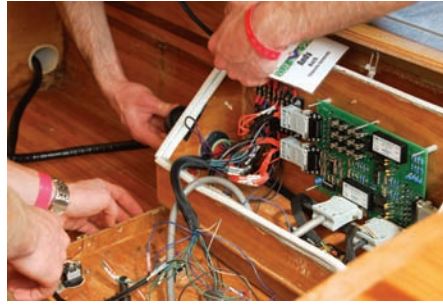
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The 2011 team included Jesse Bierer '11, Jill Conway '11, Joel Dewhurst '14, Aaron Hensler '11, Andy Koch '12, Dan La Croix '11, and Tyler Smidt '11.

Six World Champion Titles

Cedarville's engineering students have held this title before, but "world champion" never gets old. This year, students from the Elmer W. Engstrom Department of Engineering and Computer Science brought home a record sixth win in the Solar Splash World Championships.

"We worked on everything from propeller design and fabrication to testing electrical components and batteries," said team captain Tyler Smidt '11. "Everything we did throughout the year contributed to our success at competition."

Students applied research and class experience to perfect their solar-powered boat design in preparation for the grueling challenges of Solar Splash. "This competition is helpful for students because they have to teach themselves about their own aspect of the project," said Dr. Tim Dewhurst, professor of mechanical engineering and one of the team's advisors. "This gives them the confidence to take on new things in industry and be a better, more qualified employee."

The main events at the competition are endurance (meant to test efficiency) and sprint (meant to test speed). The endurance event consists of two heats, with the goal being to travel as far as possible in two hours. The sprint event is a 300-meter dash. Teams can boost their standing with points from qualifying events, a slalom event, a technical report, visual display, and workmanship.

Cedarville's team tied for first in endurance and third in sprint. They also placed first in qualifying events, technical report, and workmanship, as well as second in slalom and visual display. They also won the sportsmanship award.

"Cedarville does well not only in our design, fabricating components, and the boat as a whole," said Tyler, "but we also learn to communicate well in our reports and displays. The judges think very highly of our work. In the end, we won by six points, a close margin with last year's winner, the University of New Orleans."

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September 10–11

Dr. Paul Dixon
Martinsburg, West Virginia

September 11

HeartSong
Brownsburg, Indiana

October 2–5

Dr. Paul Dixon
Covington, Kentucky

October 6–7

Dr. Bill Brown
Bloomington, Illinois

October 7

HeartSong
Fairborn, Ohio

October 8–11

Dr. Bill Brown
Roswell, Georgia

October 13

HeartSong
Toledo, Ohio

October 15–16

HeartSong
Adrian, Michigan

October 20–21

Dr. Bill Brown
Vancouver, Washington

November 7

Dr. Bill Brown
Cordova, Tennessee

November 21–22

Dr. Bill Brown
Dunedin, Florida

December 9–11

OneVoice Gospel Choir
Chagrin Falls, Ohio

For more events and information, visit cedarville.edu/reps.
(All dates are subject to change.)

on the road



Yellow Jacket SPORTS

2010–11 Athletes of the Year



Justin Hoffman '12 and Aubrey Siemon '11 are joined by Athletic Director Dr. Alan Geist '83.

All-America First Team. Siemon paced the Lady Jackets to a 24–10 record and a spot in the quarterfinals of the NAIA Division II National Tournament. She ended her career as Cedarville's all-time leading rebounder (1,362) and is 12th on the school's scoring list (1,541).

Hoffman, a junior from Chillicothe, Ohio, has already established himself as the finest hurdler in school history. He has earned NAIA All-America honors in the indoor 60-meter hurdles as well as the outdoor 110- and 400-meter distances. He is a multiple NCCAA champion and owns four school records. He was the 2010 and 2011 American Midwest Conference (AMC) Outstanding Track Performer of the Meet.

Congratulations to these outstanding Yellow Jacket athletes!

Aubrey Siemon '11 and Justin Hoffman '12 have been recognized as the 2010–11 Cedarville University Athletes of the Year. Yellow Jacket head coaches voted to present Siemon, a Lady Jacket basketball standout, and Hoffman, a record-setting hurdler on the track and field team, with these awards.

Siemon, a senior post player from Springfield, Ohio, averaged 13.1 points and 12.2 rebounds for Cedarville's nationally ranked women's basketball team. She was named to the NAIA All-America Third Team and the NCCAA



Dr. Alan Geist '83 presents a plaque to Dr. Jim Phipps '68 in recognition of his 41 years of service.

Honoring 41 Years of Service

Dr. Jim Phipps '68, senior professor of communication arts, will be stepping aside from his faculty athletics representative role after faithfully serving 41 years in this post. He was honored for his service at the annual Athletic Department Honors and Appreciation Dinner on April 18.

Dr. Phipps' contributions to the NAIA at the conference and national levels were ultimately recognized in 2004 when he received the Wally Schwartz Award, which honors loyalty, enthusiasm, and honesty among NAIA leaders. AMC Commissioner Dr. James Houdeshell said, "Jim was very familiar with all of the eligibility rules and regulations and was thoughtful in the decision-making necessary for both the NAIA and AMC. We wish Dr. Phipps the very best."

Donald E. Callan Award Recipients

Joy Kellogg '11 and Matt Niemiec '11 have received the Donald E. Callan Award, which recognizes four-year Yellow Jacket athletes who have shown a commitment to Christian ministry, academic excellence, leadership, and athletic accomplishment.

Kellogg, a senior from Arlington, Ohio, was a four-year standout, three-time NCCAA All-American, and scholar-athlete on the women's tennis team.

Niemiec, a senior from Holland, Michigan, was a two-time NCCAA All-American on the soccer field and the national tournament's Most Outstanding Offensive Player for the runner-up Yellow Jackets in 2010.



Matt Niemiec '11 and Joy Kellogg '11 are joined by Athletic Director Dr. Alan Geist '83.

yellowjackets.cedarville.edu

Planning the Next Chapter

These faculty and staff members represent a combined 142 years of service to Cedarville. Below, they share their plans for retirement. Congratulations! Your colleagues, students, and alumni friends wish you well.

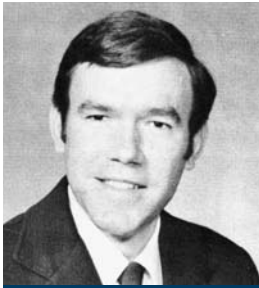


At Cedarville since 1978

Ron Walker, D.B.A.

Professor of Management Science — Business Administration

My wife, Becky, and I hope to be more engaged with our grandchildren in Cedarville, Chicago, and Canton. While we hope to travel a bit, we are open to ministry opportunities as the Lord leads. We also enjoy helping those in our church family in need of encouragement and support. This might not be possible, but I would like to improve my golf game.



At Cedarville since 1979

John Silvius, Ph.D.

*Senior Professor of Biology — Science and Mathematics
Associate for Environmental Ethics — Center for Bioethics*

I will redirect my energy in ways that enhance my time with God and my family, especially my wife, Abby. I will continue my reading and research in environmental stewardship and hope to integrate and profess my faith through conservation and land stewardship projects. I look forward to spending more time with my grandchildren. "Papaw" is my favorite title.



At Cedarville since 1981

Lee Eimers, Ph.D.

Professor of Physics and Mathematics — Science and Mathematics

I plan to spend more time with my grandchildren and invest time serving in my local church. I also have several hobbies that I have pursued somewhat in the past, but have had to put aside for lack of time. Among them are improving my musical and language skills and pottery making. I also hope to do some writing.



At Cedarville since 1987

Duane Wood, Ph.D.

*Executive Director — Program Development
Professor of Management — Business Administration*

I will continue to consult and teach as an adjunct professor in an MBA program. I also serve on the boards of two academic institutions. My wife, Sherrie, and I look forward to traveling together and spending more time with our family.



At Cedarville since 1988

Sherrie Wood

Administrative Assistant — Campus Recreation and Facilities

My husband, Duane, and I just returned from Hawaii and are looking forward to more opportunities to travel, especially an upcoming trip to the Holy Land. I am also taking time for classes in exercise and knitting. And of course, enjoying our six grandchildren is a high priority.

August

22–25

Fall Bible Conference

29

Convocation

September

15–17

Bioethics Conference

21

Day of Prayer

23

Women for Scholarship Fashion Show and Silent Auction

24

Pharmacy Preview Day

29–30

Fall Play: *And Then There Were None*

30

Legacy Banquet

30–Oct. 1

Homecoming: Beautiful Things

October

1, 7–9

Fall Play: *And Then There Were None*

8

Art, Design, and Theatre Preview Day

20–22

G92 Immigration Conference

22

Biblical and Ministry Studies Preview Day

29

History, Government, and Criminal Justice Preview Day

November

4

Parents Weekend and Grandparents Day

19

Business and Communications Preview Day; Science and Math Preview Day

For more events and information, visit cedarville.edu/events.
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What experience from your stay with a host family will you never forget?



Thousands of host families have provided food, shelter, and hot showers for students on traveling teams. While we're grateful for their gracious hospitality, Dorothy said it best: "There's no place like home."



On a trip with Abundant Life Singers, our host family's four-year-old daughter was giddy with excitement to show us where my teammate and I were going to sleep. "You can have my bed!" she exclaimed. Not thinking anything of it, we followed her upstairs. **Grinning proudly, she opened the door to a princess-themed room,** complete with a twin-sized, pink-ruffled canopy bed. There's nothing like the hospitality of a little girl to bring two guys closer together.

CAMERON ARCH '06, LA VISTA, NEBRASKA

One morning I woke up to a lot of commotion. **I walked upstairs in my pajamas, only to find 50 people** and a graduation open house in full swing.

TERRI (SCHENK) GREEN '08, SMYRNA, GEORGIA

In Israel, milk comes in plastic bags, not cartons. **Our first attempt at opening a fresh bag of milk resulted in a lactic explosion** all over our host home's kitchen.

PETER BRANDT '10, MANASSAS, VIRGINIA

A profound opportunity I had traveling with Lifeline Players was ministering to a girl struggling with the concept of being adopted. **I had the privilege to share my adoption story and encourage her.** I knew I was on the team to minister to that girl.

SUE (ROGERS) WOLCOTT '91, GRAND ISLAND, NEW YORK

After a day of ministry in Australia, we returned to our host home. That evening the couple described in great detail the demon they'd seen wandering around their home! By the time Tammy (Will) Daroczy '83 and I went to bed, we were terrified. **We slept very little and prayed a whole lot!**

FAITH (LINN) VISION '83, WAYNESVILLE, OHIO

Three of us from Abundant Life Singers stayed with hosts whose 15-pound, deranged cat lived in the garage. We were told not to let the cat inside the house. We failed. Late that night, **armed with couch cushions, we tried herding the cat back into the garage.** When the cat ran into the bathroom, one teammate stormed in after it. He finally emerged carrying the cat by the scruff of its neck.

JASON SMITH '02, BOSWELL, PENNSYLVANIA

I was unaware that professor Mike DiCuirci had convinced a fellow music major, Ben Vawter '98, that I was a member of Mensa (the high IQ society). While on a Symphonic Band tour, we stayed with hosts who spoke quite proudly of their brilliant son. Ben told them that I was pretty smart, too, being a member of MENSA and all. **I could barely keep from laughing to keep the joke running ...** until now.

CHET JENKINS '97, NEW ALBANY, OHIO

In South Africa, our puppet team spent a week with an Indian church, eating customary Indian meals without silverware. My form needed work, and **my amused hosts photographed my efforts.** Eight years later, as a career missionary, I worked in the same church and was shocked when they brought out those pictures to show my wife.

JOSHUA AUSFAHL '98, TACOMA, WASHINGTON

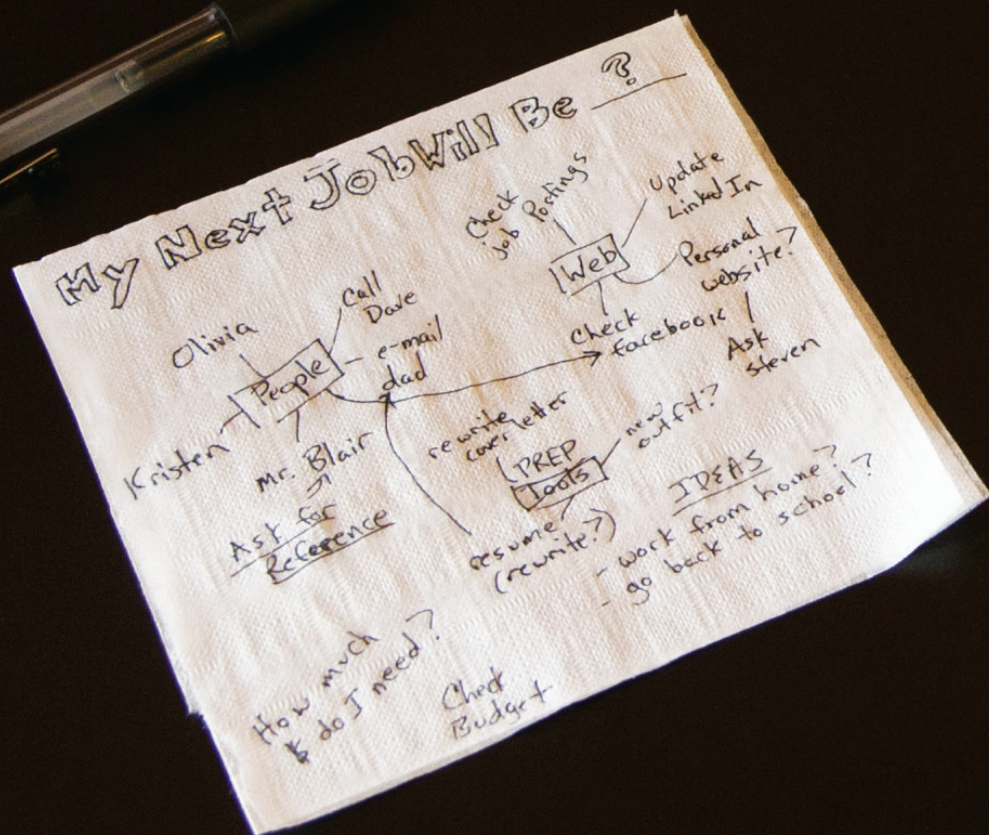
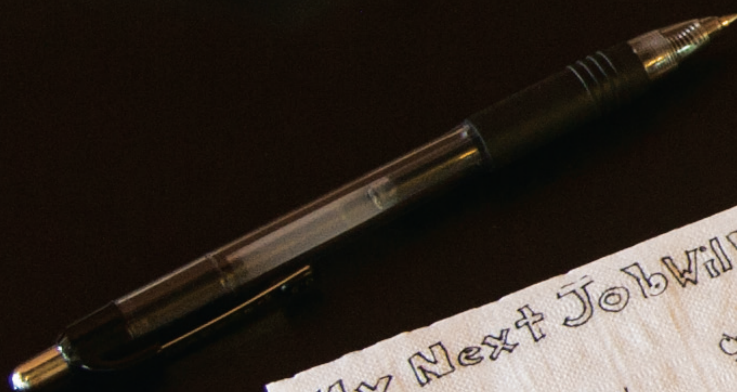
On an Easter morning in Chicago, the guys on our team got up early, surprising us with a home-cooked brunch and a backyard Easter egg hunt. It was the perfect way to make us forget we were away from home on such a special day.

CHERYL (ZIPPE) SITLER '91,
SOUTHWICK, MASSACHUSETTS

QUESTION FOR THE NEXT ISSUE:

What was inside your favorite care package?

Selected responses will be printed in the fall/winter issue of Inspire. The alumnus who submits our favorite answer will receive a Cedarville sweatshirt! Deadline for entries is September 15, 2011. Send your answer to Inspire, Cedarville University, 251 N. Main St., Cedarville, OH 45314, or cedarville.edu/inspire.





DEVELOP YOUR

Game Plan

by Jeff Reep '79

AFTER 22 YEARS OF COACHING college basketball, I can tell you with certainty that sweet victory begins with a game plan. My job as a coach was to help my players develop their strengths and then place them in positions where they could excel. In practice and from the sidelines, my role involved encouraging athletes, providing accountability, and at times pushing them beyond their comfort levels.

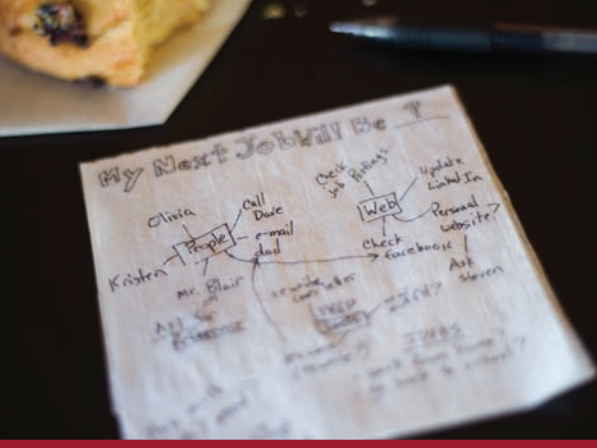
Cedarville's career services staff interacts with student and alumni job seekers in much the same way. We can point you to helpful tools and resources and encourage your success, but ultimately it's up to you to spend the essential conditioning hours in the gym and give it all on the court for that career win.

Whether you are just beginning your career journey or are a seasoned professional going

through a transition, job searching can seem like an overwhelming process. You're asking questions like, "What kind of work am I seeking? In what kind of industry? Do I know anyone in that field? Do I have enough experience?"

Once you've settled those big-picture questions, you'll have another set of practical questions to face: "Is my résumé strong enough? What should I say in an interview? How can I best sell my skills?"

Cedarville's career services office is a great resource for job seekers that alumni often overlook. The same resources and quality services we provide for students are available to alumni. You may be a professional in your discipline, but few people are professional job seekers. Our office is staffed by career-coaching professionals who can help you develop your game plan.



Career Advice

- A mid-career change is a great time to ask yourself if your education and skills are a good fit with your gifts and vocational calling.
- A one-hour consultation with an independent career coach could cost as much as \$300. Cedarville provides this service to students and alumni free of charge.
- A great résumé won't get you a job, but it will move you to the "let's talk to this person" pile.
- Job fair employers tell us that Cedarville students too often undersell their education and experience. Be confident and share your strengths!

Career Assessment

Pray.

This may seem obvious, but the essential place to begin your job search is before God with a humble heart. Pray specifically: "Who do I need to talk to next?" We walk by people every day who could help us make a valuable contact. If we're not praying and looking, we'll miss them.

Evaluate.

Career Direct is an assessment tool that allows you to research unexpected occupations, explore jobs related to your experience, and better understand how your interests align with your career path. We offer Career Direct for students and alumni on campus for just \$12 (an \$80 value). If you can't make it to campus, we can recommend similar online resources.

Job Networking

Contacts.

There are two things that nearly everyone loves to do: talk about themselves and tell others what to do. When you meet people who work in a field that interests you, ask them for advice on essential skills you should develop and what resources they recommend. Most people will gladly refer you to other professionals who can provide additional information or opportunities. That helpful spirit is alive and thriving in our Cedarville family. We can help you get plugged in.

CareerNet.

This is a growing database of Cedarville alumni, parents, and friends who are additional eyes, ears, and feet on the ground — and they are looking out for you. CareerNet contacts are invested members of the Cedarville family who are willing to provide career advice to Cedarville students and grads. When they hear about job openings and internships, they funnel that information to us so we can make it available to you. Anyone can join!

Navigational Tools

Finding leads.

Visit cedarville.edu/career for the following:

- Explore specialized job banks for openings in engineering, education, sport management, government, nonprofit fields, and more.
- Post your résumé on CareerVille and search jobs specifically posted at Cedarville.
- Extend your search using NACE Link (National Association of Colleges and Employers) to view jobs posted at more than 700 other universities.

Building your résumé.

If you ask 10 people about proper résumé format, you will get 10 different opinions. Format your résumé in a way that will best sell you and your skills to your audience. If you match the language in your résumé to the job description, you



Starting the 4th Quarter

As director of career services since 1996, Lew Gibbs has been strengthening Cedarville's connections with parents, alumni, and employers. This spring, he announced his retirement.

Following a 31-year career at IBM, Lew came with a vision to take career services to the next level. He began by visiting local colleges and universities and developing a network among peer institutions.

With Lew, it's all about the network. Lew understands the value of engaging alumni parents on students' behalf. His corporate background gave him added perspective to more aggressively market Cedarville with businesses. As a result, international companies such as Caterpillar and Cummins, Inc., are more intentionally recruiting at Cedarville.

Jeff Morgan, part of Lew's network at Procter & Gamble, thinks this approach is paying off. "What P&G sees when we interact with Lew Gibbs is the inspirational face of Cedarville,

always on a mission, delivering that personal touch of fellowship," he said.

Jeff Reep '79, Lew's successor as director of career services, agrees. "Lew's enthusiasm, vision, and leadership positioned us as one of the top career offices in the country," he said. In fact, a recent Noel-Levitz survey among college students nationwide listed Cedarville's career services office in first place.

Lew has launched a new business, 4th Quarter Consulting, to share his expertise in higher education organization and assessment. This allows him to stay in the game while controlling his calendar to spend more time with his family.

Lew is excited about the next team of career services professionals. "The staff is so good at what they do," he said. "They are the reason I could do what I love, getting Cedarville's name and our students better known."

You may contact Lew at lwgbbs149@gmail.com.

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Advice to Help You

Stand Out in Your Job Search

by Sarah (Bartlett) Borich '02

"There's an endless supply of advice out there for job seekers — but what's really relevant?"

IN UNCERTAIN ECONOMIC TIMES, job seeking can be a tough task for mid-career employees looking for new positions, either by choice or by necessity. There's an endless supply of advice out there for job seekers — but what's really relevant? One Cedarville alumna has some answers.

Lynn (Robinson) Geist '91 has 19 years of experience in the human resources field, working as an HR specialist, generalist, manager, assistant director, educator, and consultant. Passionate about her work, Lynn knows the impact the field has on individual lives. She shared these relevant tips and guidelines for mid-career job seekers in the Cedarville family.

Polish Your Résumé

- List the most relevant information (education and experience) toward the beginning. Reviewers skim from top to bottom, so you want to catch their attention right away.
- Many companies use software to scan résumés for words related to the position. Know and use vocabulary of your field.
- Include an objective that is work-centered, not self-centered.
- Use powerful verbs to describe your responsibilities, such as “developed,” “planned,” “created,” “processed,” “answered,” and “delivered.”
- If appropriate, use quantifiable descriptions of your experience — “trained 37 new employees” or “managed a \$500,000 budget.”

Lynn (Robinson) Geist '91 shares her wealth of knowledge in human resources for those seeking careers.



Ace Your Interview With These Tips

1. Talk about your accomplishments

Most people tend to list job duties or responsibilities. However, interviewers really want to know the scope and level of these responsibilities. If the interview is merely a listing of all your job duties, you'll be missing an opportunity to shine. Instead, talk about what you have accomplished in your previous work roles. Think about what you are most proud of from each of your previous positions and be prepared to share the details of these accomplishments.

In addition, be prepared to answer behavior-based questions. Some interviewers still use general, broad-based questions such as "What are your strengths and weaknesses?" Some interviewers still like hypothetical questions such as "How would you handle an angry customer or team member?" However, you should also be prepared to answer questions that focus on a specific past behavior. For example, the interviewer might say, "Tell me about a time when you faced an impossible deadline. What steps did you take? What was the result?" or "Tell me about the most challenging decision you have faced at work. What did you do? What were the results?" All of these questions focus on learning more about how you handled a specific situation in the past so that the interviewer can gauge how well you might handle a similar situation in the future.

2. Distinguish between "I" and "we"

During an interview, some candidates have a tendency to talk in terms of "we" for everything — "We designed a new training program" or "We forged a new product line." This makes it difficult for the interviewer to determine what role you actually played in the process or decision.

Research suggests that women tend to communicate from this type of relational perspective and want to be inclusive of co-workers when talking about


accomplishments. If you have this tendency, you may be selling yourself short in interviews. It is important — and appropriate — to talk about your specific role and what you have accomplished, along with your team.

3. Determine the line between confidence and arrogance

It is important to approach an interview with the right attitude, enthusiasm, and positive perspective. Interviewers want to see confidence and energy, but there is a fine line between artfully exuding confidence and appearing arrogant. There is no need to overly convince the interviewer that you can do the job. Approach the interview with confidence, but don't be afraid to learn something new as well.

Dress For Success

It seems obvious, but even mid-career job seekers may not understand how truly important your appearance is. When you go to an interview, dress up! Suits are still considered the most appropriate attire for men and women. Also, be sure to hold off on any cologne or fragrance — it may be offensive to the interviewer or cause allergic reactions.

Dedicated alums like Lynn are just one of the many resources available to job searchers in the Cedarville family. For more tips on résumés and interviewing, visit cedarville.edu/career/alumni. 

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“More Bright Ideas

- Treat any contact with a potential employer as an interview.
- Have your “elevator speech” ready — a brief statement of your skills, experiences, and career aspirations.
- Remember the person reviewing your résumé may have anywhere from 50–300 others to review. The first look will only be one or two minutes to see if the needed experience is listed, so space your résumé for easy reading.
- Customize your résumé or create multiple résumés for different purposes.
- The best résumés are often the most simple and to the point. Wordiness and fancy fonts do not make the résumé stronger.
- You don't have to adhere to the one-page rule for résumés. The rule of thumb is to cover up to at least 10 years' worth of jobs.
- When preparing for an interview, use the job posting as your guide. Write down the skills, knowledge, and experience listed. Then review your work history to come up with two examples of each item. Take this with you to the interview to use as a thought-starter.
- Infuse your conversation with illustrations of your character. Ensure that your decisions and behavior in the interview process also display positive character traits.
- Speak about your accomplishments. Reveal details about your positive influence at your previous place of employment.
- Interviewers want to know that you can ask intelligent questions as well as answer them. Have some questions “in your pocket,” and be prepared to ask questions on the fly as well.

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Creating the Magic

by Michael Batts, Jr., '11

EVERY PART OF THE guest experience at Walt Disney World Resort is designed to create magical memories for the thousands who visit the parks each day. Whether a cast member is selling tickets, handing out balloons, or entertaining guests, everything is part of the show and each plays an important role.

My summer job with Disney was one of the most enjoyable and memorable experiences of my life. I greeted guests from all over the world and sometimes was in the photographs they took of the memories they built during their stay. Those memories will last a lifetime not only for the guests but also for me.

A Dream is a Wish

Growing up in Orlando, Florida, I could identify with Mickey Mouse before I learned to read. My family and I enjoyed watching programs on The Disney Channel and spending evenings after school at the park — and by “the park,” I mean the world famous 40-square-mile playground right in our backyard. We lived close enough that we could go for dinner, enjoy some attractions, and be home in bed by 9 p.m.

Last summer, I auditioned for an entertainment role at Walt Disney World because I needed a job.

I had completed my junior year at Cedarville as a finance major and had an internship lined up with a bank in Orlando. Due to financial cutbacks, however, they could no longer support my summer internship.

I enjoy acting and dancing, so I went to a casting call and proceeded through the rigorous audition. Shortly afterward, they called with good news. I was stunned to learn I had been selected to join Entertainment as a cast member. My orientation included learning the intricacies of my role such as walking, talking, and acting to entertain the thousands of guests I saw every day.

Transforming from Michael Batts into my on-stage Disney role was challenging for me at first, but I really got into playing my part. Getting into costume required attention to detail as everything about that costume had to be just right.

Bibbidi Bobbidi Boo

Disney has specific terminology that frames its organizational culture. For example, Disney does not have employees; it has “cast members.” Many cast members who interact with guests “on stage” will be in a “costume” — this includes attractions hosts, food vendors, and the custodial hosts. Cast members are committed to staying in character and playing their parts.

The goal is to build a seamless experience for guests to enjoy that Disney refers to as “creating the magic.” I’m not talking about castles in the sky; each day at Disney parks, actual castles with actual princes and princesses are just part of how Disney immerses guests in some of their favorite stories.


The Perfect Fit

The skills I learned at Disney perfectly applied in my other entertainment job

— firing up Cedarville fans as the Yellow Jacket mascot. I was able to apply many of the non-verbal communication techniques I learned to energize the crowd at basketball games and take the Yellow Jacket character to the next level.

One of the most important lessons I learned from my Disney experience is that your job needs to be something you enjoy. Every day after I left work, I remember saying, “I can’t believe I get paid for this.” It was definitely the best summer job I’d ever had.

I enjoy making people smile, and now I’ve made that my career. After graduation in May, I took a new job in Disney’s finance department. It is the largest, most professional business I have ever seen. I am truly inspired by the hard work and dedication by everyone here. Working behind the scenes is a lot different from being on stage, but it’s nice to have seen firsthand the smiles on guests’ faces and to know that everyone’s hard work contributes to their overall experience.

I never thought that being an entertainer at Disney would help me launch a career in finance, but the lessons I learned during my summer job have certainly helped me understand the Disney culture and realize the importance of every supporting role. I look forward to what the future holds with the company and what other surprises might be right around the corner. Because in a “magical” place like Disney, you never know what role you’ll play next. 

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“One of the most important lessons I learned from my Disney experience is that your job needs to be something you enjoy.”





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- Matching your skills, interests, and values to job positions
- Preparing your job search materials
- Networking with individuals connected to Cedarville

Do This:

Talk to the right people.

You walk by people every day who could help you make a valuable contact. Seek the Lord's direction to guide you to those who could assist you. If you're not praying and looking, you'll miss them.

Don't Do This:

Come across as entitled.

Sell your skills, abilities, and training, but don't be presumptuous. I once sat in on an interview with a candidate who crossed that line. One of the interviewers said afterward, "How can someone who has done so little be so arrogant?"

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Ask Me About:

- Exploring career options
- Guiding you in your job search
- Networking with recruiters and business professionals

Do This:

Be resilient.

Sweeping floors is not such a bad job if it puts you closer to your dream. The Greek statesman Demosthenes said, "Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises."

Don't Do This: Ignore your instincts.

I should have known to seek employment elsewhere after a certain interview. I met with the HR director and vice president who told me I'd need "thick skin" to work there. Having grown up in poverty in inner-city Philadelphia, I knew that would not be a problem. Moments later, a manager walked by wearing a collarless shirt. The vice president began yelling at him using all types of profanity. Despite being one of the craziest places I ever worked, the job did help build my character.

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This best-selling author and speaker is passionate about helping people find their personal calling, mission, and vision for their work and life.

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Ask Me About:

- Coaching on majors and career choices
- Composing and editing résumés and cover letters
- Preparing for interviews and graduate school

Do This:

Consider closely related jobs.

During this tough economic time, it may be difficult to find a job within your niche. Try exploring fields where you can apply your transferrable skills and talents. Be willing to pick up another course or special certification that will make you even more marketable.

Don't Do This:

Try too hard to sound clever.

A student who worked on the grounds crew insisted that humor would win the heart of an employer. His résumé stated one of his main responsibilities was to "remove excessive amounts of fluffy precipitation from the sidewalks." He also included Superman-related phrases like "Keeper of the Kryptonite."

Visit: onetonline.org

This is one of my favorite resources for researching closely related career options. Type in a keyword or skill set and begin exploring!

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Ask Me About:

- Connecting with a staff member to discuss our available services
- Participating in career fairs and talking to recruiters during on-campus interviews and information sessions

Do This:

Use any available networks.

Even if they don't lead to an immediate position, it's a great way to put your interview skills to practice and gain exposure.

Don't Do This: Give up.

After college, my lack of experience left me under-qualified for jobs I wanted, yet my education made me over-qualified for many others. It took nearly 20 interviews in six months to find the right fit.

Visit: humanmetrics.com

Select the first link, the Jung Typology Test, to learn more about how you're wired and find recommendations for career fields that fit your personality.



A Mentor in Ministry

by Nicole (Hanson) Russell '04

Meet the man who has guided Cedarville alumni for 30 years.

MENTORING, FOR SOME, has become a trendy topic, but for Pastor Tom Wright, Jr., it is a way of life and a ministry priority he has modeled for decades. In his 30 years as senior pastor at Memorial Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio, he has served as a mentor to his pastoral staff, nearly all of whom have been Cedarville graduates. He has a special place in his heart for Cedarville students — his four children attended Cedarville and married Cedarville alumni.

While Pastor Wright's philosophy and ministry statements describe mentoring as an explicit goal of his work as a pastor, he admits it is as ingrained as it is intentional.

In Pastor Wright's 30 years of ministry, he has served beside seven Cedarville grads, and the church recently called the eighth. In July, Jeff Beckley '04 began his ministry as associate pastor in youth and family ministries.



"I don't know how to pastor without mentoring," he explained. As Cedarville graduates can attest, this is as true in word as it is in deed.

Spiritual Mentor

Take Nate Bell '10, the most recent Cedarville graduate to work alongside Pastor Wright. After attending Memorial his whole life and then interning with the youth ministry, Nate served as interim youth pastor early in 2011. Nate and Pastor Wright have shared a discipleship relationship since Nate was in high school. Always anxious to move on to the next stage of his life, Nate learned a valuable lesson while on staff. "Pastor challenged me to focus on Christ, to seek Him and find contentment and satisfaction there," Nate said. "He has taught me to live and love wherever God has me."

Pastor Wright saw in Nate an essential quality for mentoring: a teachable heart. "If you get to the point where you can't be taught, you won't be effective," Pastor Wright said. As Nate encourages other young people, this nugget of truth has proved invaluable to his own ministry.

Personal Mentor

Steve Dye '89 graduated with a double major in history and preseminary Bible. He, too, grew up at Memorial and served as a part-time youth pastor intern during his senior year at Cedarville and the following summer. During their short time together, Pastor Wright met with Steve regularly and engaged with him on personal and practical matters. Pastor Wright and his wife, Sue, invited Steve over once a week to join them for a meal. There, Steve saw the inner workings of a strong family life and Pastor Wright's commitment to personal purity as the head of his family. "Since I left Memorial," Steve said, "Pastor Wright has continued to serve as one of my mentors and has given me sound counsel on numerous occasions."

As Steve serves today as a church planter in Berlin, Germany, he has found the lessons he learned from Pastor Wright to be indelible. He's even had the opportunity to pass them on. Recently one of Steve's young interns approached him, questioning his own calling. Steve responded by quoting something Pastor Wright once told him: "If you can picture yourself doing anything else, by all means do it and do not enter the ministry. Your calling to pastoral ministry must be such a strong compulsion that you can't imagine pursuing any other career."

Joyful Mentor

Ed Lanning '86 studied Bible at Cedarville, went to seminary, and then served at Memorial for six years as an associate pastor. He remains grateful for a mentor who expressed authentic joy and love for God in everyday circumstances. "Often, you'll hear Christians use expressions like 'Praise the Lord' or 'Thank the Lord,' and it can seem insincere," said Ed. "But that was never the case with Pastor Wright. With him, you always knew it was genuine."

Ed went on to pastor Calvary Bible Church in Dugspur, Virginia, for more than eight years, speaking praise to the Lord at every opportunity. Chronic health difficulties forced Ed to retire from ministry, but he and Pastor Wright remain close. Pastor Wright has asked his congregation to keep his friend's health in prayer, something Ed appreciates and believes is a testament to Pastor Wright's faithfulness as a mentor and friend. He cites 2 Timothy 2:2 as a reflection of Pastor Wright's influence in ministry: "The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."





Practical Mentor

Mentoring is so important to Pastor Wright that he has structured his ministry to reflect intentional discipleship. “We operate on the principle that no one’s name is on things when ministries are implemented or victories attained,” he said. “Christ gets the credit. That’s an atmosphere that creates a level playing field.”

Jon McGinnis ’99 served as the youth pastor at Memorial for four years and credits Pastor Wright with teaching him how to be a practical pastor. “He helped me learn the day-to-day responsibilities,” Jon explained. “He taught me how to schedule my days, weeks, and months, walked me through hospital visits and crisis-management times, and challenged me and my wife to lead our first international missions trip.”

Now that Jon is launching out into a brand-new ministry with law enforcement officers in Costa Rica, he admits he is only now realizing the timeless and priceless practicality of all that he learned under Pastor Wright’s guidance. “He did a great job of being a normal guy while also being a great example of how a shepherd should function,” Jon said.

Gracious Mentor

Dennis George ’76 was Pastor Wright’s first mentee at Memorial. He had accepted an associate pastor position a few months before Pastor Wright became the senior pastor. With a degree in Bible and Christian education, Dennis went on to serve at Memorial for 16 years and benefited from Pastor Wright’s mentorship approach. “When you think of mentoring, you often think of something intentional, and perhaps it was for him,” Dennis said. “But for me, it was more organic. I didn’t really realize it as it was happening.” The two spent countless hours serving together, making hospital visits, and conducting church business.

Of all Dennis learned from Pastor Wright, from memorizing Scripture — “I can still quote verses we memorized together” — to embracing family values and the joy of ministry, he most appreciates the graciousness Pastor Wright extended to him.

“It’s common protocol, when a senior pastor is hired, for associate staff to offer their resignations and allow the pastor to bring in his own staff,” Dennis said. “He made it clear from the beginning that if he came, he and I would be a package deal. That sealed our relationship from the beginning.”

Model Mentor

In 30 years of working alongside Cedarville graduates, Pastor Wright has found they tend to possess qualities needed for successful ministry. “They have a seriousness about life and ministry,” he said. “They are determined to make a difference for Christ wherever they are.” Indeed, each one who has served at Memorial under Pastor Wright’s guidance has gone on to become a missionary, senior pastor, or church planter.

Yet even Cedarville graduates need help with what Pastor Wright likes to call “realistic passion.” He enjoys teaching grads to channel their natural ambition into a ministry controlled by the Spirit of God. Some 30 years after his mentorship began with Pastor Wright, Dennis has put his passion into reality as the teaching pastor at Journey Church, a congregation he recently planted in Columbus. Still, he thinks the most valuable thing about his years serving with Pastor Wright wasn’t anything the pastor told him but everything he did around him.

“Words don’t matter much,” Dennis said. “What people do matters. Say it. Model it. That was a louder message. It made his words more meaningful.” **i**

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Making THE Connection

by Brian Orme '96

"When alumni keep the Cedarville connection in mind, they can have a big influence and create a powerful network."

WE LIVE IN THE AGE of networking. Whether it's through Facebook, Twitter, or LinkedIn, the power of shared networks is often a valuable tool for connecting us with distant loved ones, reconnecting us with old friends, and in some cases, helping us land the right job. Just ask Chris Byus '08.

When Chris, an engineering major, accepted a position at Cummins, Inc., in Columbus, Indiana, he had no idea that he would become a networking catalyst for future Cedarville grads — but that's just what God had planned for him.

Through a résumé posting on the Internet, Chris received a contact from a recruiter at Cummins, a corporation that designs, manufactures, and services engines in more than 190 countries. "I was working on the Formula SAE car at Cedarville at the time, and really liked what I was doing there, working on the engine specifically," Chris said. "And since Cummins is a diesel engine manufacturer, it meant that pretty much whatever job I did there I would be working on engines, which I enjoyed." Chris interviewed with Cummins and was offered a position.

Introducing Cummins to Campus

Soon after he started, Chris received a visit from Andy Wenig, the director of engine development at Cummins. Andy had never heard of Cedarville, so he did some research on the engineering program and learned about the rigorous training, extracurricular professional activities, and hands-on experience Cedarville provides its students. He was very impressed. "It caught Andy by surprise that there was a



"More alumni can strengthen the network if they just 'think Cedarville' when their companies are looking for new candidates."

school in Ohio that wasn't far from Cummins that they weren't recruiting from, and that had a strong engineering program," Chris explained.

Andy asked Chris if he would be willing to lead the recruiting efforts for Cummins at Cedarville. Chris took the challenge to heart and received approval to participate in one of Cedarville's career fairs, where potential employers come to campus to meet and interview students for internships and job openings.

"They were very welcoming to us," said Andy, "and Chris, through his connection with the professors, had them walk around and show us the classrooms and the shop where they do all the Society of Automotive Engineers projects. They really opened up the doors for us."

Recruiting Students to Cummins

The career fair proved successful, as Cummins made job offers and received acceptances. The Cummins-Cedarville connection snowballed from there. Since 2008, more than a dozen grads have either worked with Cummins or received offers.

One such student was Nate McLeese '09. As an eager student seeking employment, Nate made it around to all the company booths at the fair but made a strong connection with Cummins.

"The fact that Chris Byus had a lot to do with Cummins recruiting at Cedarville absolutely excites me," said Nate. "It's great to know that an engineer like Chris can make such an impact on so many lives. Not only are we working at a great company, but we are also spreading out to new territory, sowing the Word of God." Nate is confident that when alumni keep the Cedarville connection in mind, they can have a big influence and create a powerful network.

Nate's wife, Catherine (Shanks) '09, was also recently hired at Cummins. "Catherine and I have gone through the process of looking for an employer on our own, and it's tough," Nate said. "It is clear to us that networking makes it much easier to find a job."

Opening Doors to Opportunities

Having directly benefitted from the power of networking, Nate is motivated to help others in the same capacity. "Because Chris has had such an influence in helping grow the relationship between Cummins and Cedarville," he said, "all of us alumni here at Cummins are willing to do what we can to help this relationship grow. I know firsthand how much Chris has made an impact."

Joshua Brown '11 is one of the most recent Cedarville grads to accept a job at Cummins. He made the connection through the career fair and began working at Cummins this summer in the high horsepower division. "I think this is one of the greatest things about being part of the Cedarville community," he said. "People are always working hard to help others and provide opportunities for students."

When asked about his influential networking role, Chris stays humble and says he put very little effort into it. Once the ball started rolling, it really took off. "I'm surprised at how well it worked," he admitted. "It's very rewarding and very cool to be able to provide jobs for Cedarville students. I still feel that strong connection."

The Cummins-Cedarville story is a bold example of the Cedarville connection in action. Chris points out how easy it is to network and help grads find good jobs. He also believes that more alumni can strengthen the network if they just "think Cedarville" when their companies are looking for new candidates.

And, if more grads take simple steps like Chris did to keep the Cedarville connection in mind, the network will only grow stronger. **i**

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The networking initiative Chris Byus '08 started prompted Cummins to begin recruiting at Cedarville. Twelve engineering alumni are now on staff. Outside the Cummins corporate office building in Columbus, Indiana, left to right: Hanna Bowes '11, Steven Small '11, Scott Bardakjy '10, Joshua Brown '11, Dustin Winchester '10, Chris Byus, Nate McLeese '09, Catherine (Shanks) McLeese '09, Jill Conway '11. Not pictured: Ryan Hokuf '10, Jesse Magnuson '03, Andrew Yoakam '10.



Whatever You Do, Do It Well

The following is an excerpt from Dr. Bill Brown's chapel interview with Will Schenck on January 24, 2011. Will Schenck is a former publisher of Rolling Stone magazine and is now vice president and chief revenue officer of Fairchild Fashion Group in New York City. Listen to the full interview at cedarville.edu/chapel.

Being the publisher of *Rolling Stone* magazine and being involved with the brand was an important job. I felt so blessed to have had that opportunity. But at the same time, it is the bible of "sex, drugs, and rock and roll," and it didn't seem like a very good fit.

I knew that if you were an executive at *Rolling Stone*, the morality of your lifestyle choices didn't matter as long as you were successful in business. And that was radical in its way. I decided I was going to be radical as an out-in-the-open Christian. I had a very good run there, and it was a very good

"If I'm really living in Christ's identity, I don't need to proselytize and corner people, saying, 'I know what you need!'"

business experience. If I hadn't done a good job there, I would not have had the opportunity to be a light in that environment.

Paul talks in Ephesians about being a "love letter." If I'm really living in Christ's identity, I don't need to proselytize and corner people, saying, "I know what you need!" I was public and open about my faith, and when somebody saw something I had that they wanted, they would come talk to me. And that certainly happened.

There were other people for whom my values and way of living were like holy water to a vampire. I met people who were being

used by the system and people who were selling their souls to it. I met people who were wildly successful, who probably felt they had no need for God. I just tried to put myself in a position where I could be a positive example.

In my current role in the fashion industry, I oversee a number of businesses. When I started this job, I said, "God, please be my business partner. Let me turn to You." I still have to fire people and do hard things, but I find I can do things from a Christian perspective. I can turn to the Holy Spirit in those times when I need discernment.

I'm not in it for the money. I'm in it because I like to mentor young people and I like to develop them in their careers. I like fashion; I find the clothing very interesting. The "spectacle" of the shows is really fun. But that's a gift. My responsibility in the job is to do a good job, to make the business work, and to give these people an opportunity to grow.

Even a Christian boxer has to punch people in the face. Whatever you choose to do, you have to do it really, really well. Sometimes we get into a mode, thinking about where we should be in five years or how we're not where we want to be right now. But no matter what you're doing, you have to do that thing well, and that will lead to other opportunities.

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Michael Easley (August 22–25)
Lead Teaching Pastor of Fellowship Bible Church
Nashville, Tennessee
fellowshipnashville.org

Children of the World Choir (September 14)
Sponsored by WorldHelp
Forest, Virginia
worldhelp.net

Joni Eareckson Tada (September 15)
Founder and Chief Executive Officer at Joni and Friends International Disability Center
Agoura Hills, California
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Mike Yankoski (October 27)
Author of *Under the Overpass* and *Zealous Love*
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This trophy was first presented at graduation to Jack Bellville in 1951. Other recipients listed on this trophy include Jimmie Trinkle '52, William Carter '54, Paul Schenck '55, Dale Thomson '56, Nancy (Cope) Payton '57, and Jerry Thornton '58. The tradition of awarding the President's Trophy continues today in the form of plaques presented to at least two students at each commencement. The President's Trophy is still considered the highest honor for a graduating senior.



The Designer's Plan

by Carol Lee '96

CAN A COMPANY that values people over profits survive in this economy? "If God is in it," Andy Horner would tell you, "just wait and see what He will do."

Andy was 60 years old in 1985 when he and his wife, Joan, founded Premier Designs, Inc., a direct sales jewelry company, near Dallas, Texas. Financial advisors might have advised him to wait until the economy was more stable, or even to relax and enjoy his retirement, but "retirement" is not a word in Andy's vocabulary.

At the age of 87, he is still the joyful visionary behind the business, and he clearly sees that everything about this venture is a gift from God.

Fully Surrender

The youngest of 13 children, Andy was born in Belfast to a hardworking mother and a hard-drinking father. When he was just six years old, his mother gathered the remaining children at home and left Ireland for a new life in Canada. She read her Bible to Andy, taught him that Jesus loves the little children, and oh, how she prayed. At the age of 11, Andy responded and gave his life to Christ. At least, part of it.

At 17, other interests drew him away from his faith, and he followed his own path through much of his adult life. In his 35 year

career with established companies including S.C. Johnson Wax and the Xerox Corporation, Andy learned leadership and management skills on the corporate track. By most measures, he enjoyed a successful career. But he grew weary of the emphasis on profit and bottom lines. It was Joan who led him back to Christ in 1960. As his faith matured, he felt a call to do something more, something different with his life.

After leaving the corporate world, Andy tried three different times to buy a business. Each time, he encountered stressful road blocks. One night while lying awake in the dark, he cried out to God, "I can't do it!" In that moment, he sensed God's Spirit gently speaking his name: "Andrew, I've been waiting 40 years to hear you say that." He decided then to fully surrender his life and his business plans to God.

Honor God

When the opportunity came to launch Premier Designs, it was essential for Andy and Joan to build the business on biblical principles. The words of the Psalmist still hang prominently on his wall: "I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With Him at my right hand, I will not be shaken" (Psalm 16:8).

Since 1990, the business has grown into a debt-free corporation exceeding \$400 million with more than 40,000 independent jewelers across the United States



Premier Designs, Inc., was founded with three core purposes: honor God, serve others, and enrich lives.

and Puerto Rico. Its success can be found in three simple core purposes: honor God, serve others, and enrich the lives of each person we touch.

“If you love people, you will do well,” Andy said. He and Joan designed the business with specific people in mind — mothers with children at home who could earn needed income, single mothers who could support their families by working from home, and ministry professionals who could supplement a modest income.

From the beginning, the plan was clear: communicate God’s love to everyone. Let them know they are valued, created in the image of God. This standard, not sales revenue, is the mark of success for the women hosting Premier Designs jewelry shows in homes.

And the jewelers couldn’t be happier. A couple working together in the business wrote, “Now that we are expecting our first child, the prospect of working together from our home represents a tremendous blessing. God has used Premier Designs and the people of the company in a very special way to shape our lives. Our marriage relationship, our relationships with other people, and our relationship with the Lord have all been greatly enriched.”

Serve Others

Andy is grateful for his opportunity to learn sound business principles from some of America’s finest corporations. But he sensed a key element was missing. When it came his time to build a better business, he turned the traditional power structure on its head.

“I’ve never heard of a seminary that will grant a degree in service,” he said, “but serving others is what God has called us to do. When our people answer the phone, they ask, ‘How may I serve you?’ Jesus said, ‘Whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant’” (Matthew 20:26).

He quotes the verse from memory — not only because it is so ingrained in his heart, but because macular degeneration has diminished his eyesight. But it has not diminished his vision. He recently returned from hosting a four-day rally for nine thousand Premier Designs jewelers who are without question the company’s number one asset.

Enrich Lives

Premier Designs takes good care of its people, and with the surplus — by God’s grace there is a surplus — it

supports 42 ministries in 63 countries. Its philanthropy endeavors include clean water wells in Africa, Word of Life camps in South America, a prison ministry in Louisiana, and students right here at Cedarville.

Andy can only give praise to God for doing far more than he could have asked or imagined. “People are coming to Christ. Their lives are being changed,” he said. “It’s unbelievable the way God allows us to be part of His work around the world.”


One of his brothers became a preacher, and Andy hoped one day he might be called to missions. “I used to ask God, ‘Drop a star for me if You want me to go,’ but He never did.”

Yet in his own way, Andy pursued missions through his business. And in God’s own way, He answered Andy’s prayer by calling Andy’s daughter to missions in Bolivia. Her work there introduced Andy to some of the first mission works that the company supported.

Cultivate Joy

As Andy looks to the future, his son, Tim, will take Premier Designs into its second generation. And like biblical heroes of the faith God used in mighty ways, Andy is determined to keep at the work until God calls him home.

To be honest, home is on his mind these days. After 65 years of marriage, Joan passed away in December, and Andy talks to God about his desire to see her again. “I keep calling up there to heaven, but so far they’re not taking my calls,” he said. For now, he’s on hold.

“God has a plan,” he said with certainty, “and it’s so exciting, I can’t even tell you. I still can’t believe God has allowed me to be part of His work, seeing lives changed and people coming to Christ all over the world. He prepared me to do this work, and He has given me more joy.” 

Andy Horner, together with his wife, Joan, founded Premier Designs, Inc., in 1985. In 2004 they were named Entrepreneurs of the Year by Ernst and Young, and they were inducted into the Direct Selling Association Hall of Fame in 2009. Learn more by visiting premierdesigns.com.

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Andy and Joan Horner, founders of Premier Designs, Inc., have included Cedarville in their corporate philanthropy since 2004.



"The great news for alumni is that everything career services provides for students is available for us, too — free of charge!"

I was a fifth-year senior before I ever stepped into the career services office. I had added education as a second major to my mathematics major, and I wanted to be sure I was pursuing the right career. The results of my interest test were indeed interesting. Although "teacher" was high on the list, the number-one occupation recommended for me was "forest ranger." Where did that come from?

Today, if students wait to visit our career services office until they are about to graduate, they will have missed some incredible opportunities. The great news for alumni is that everything career services provides for students is available for us, too — free of charge! But we can't overlook an obvious resource: alumni helping one another. Job searches and career advancement are all about networking, and that is exactly what our alumni chapters are about.

As our alumni chapter program grows and develops, we're hearing more and more stories about Cedarville alumni reaching out to students, recent grads, and fellow alums. Whether providing internships, jobs, housing, churches, or prayer support, our alumni are more than willing to assist others who are looking. They represent the best of the Cedarville family.

I especially want to brag on our Washington, D.C., alumni chapter. Last year, a recent graduate was looking for housing in D.C. One e-mail to the D.C. chapter generated more than 40 responses with housing possibilities. We've seen D.C. alumni go out of their way to help others. They have helped current students find internships, mentored our D.C. Semester students, and provided job leads for both students and alumni.

Why wouldn't we all be doing this on behalf of our Cedarville family?

Chris Byus '08 is doing this in Indiana. Because of his influence, his company has doubled the number of recruiters they send to Cedarville's job fairs (page 22). Lynn (Robinson) Geist '91 is doing this online and in Springfield, Ohio. A human resources professional with 19 years of experience, she shares her top tips for job seekers (page 14). And Cedarville parents have remarkable wisdom and experience to share that can give our grads a solid start in their careers. In more than 30 years of pastoral ministry, Pastor Tom Wright, Jr., parent of four alumni, has mentored several Cedarville grads who have gone on to become senior pastors, church planters, and missionaries (page 19).

It's easy to begin assisting students and grads with career networking, and here are two great ways to start. First, get involved in your local alumni chapter. We now have 23 chapters around the country, and we will be adding more in the coming year. Second, consider joining CareerNet, a networking program through career services. You can notify career services directly about jobs and internships in your area, encourage your company to recruit at Cedarville, or serve as a contact in your region. Contact Jeff Reep '79, director of career services, at reepj@cedarville.edu or call 1-888-562-4811 to learn more.

There's unbelievable potential in a connected and mobilized Cedarville network. Simply get involved! Thanks for all you do to serve our students and one another!

Jeff Beste '87
Director of Alumni Relations

chapter focus — indianapolis



The Indianapolis Chapter of the Alumni Association hosted more than 40 Cedarville alumni and students for Symphony on the Prairie, a popular summer outdoor concert on the grounds of Conner Prairie. The audience enjoyed beloved American classics by Aaron Copland, George Gershwin, Samuel Barber, and Leonard Bernstein. The concert was part of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra's "American Landscapes" series.

"This is the second time we have done an event at Symphony on the Prairie, and I know we will be back," said Jon Collins '05, a member of the Indianapolis Chapter leadership team. "It's a great environment to reconnect with friends and even meet new ones."

Since 2005, the Indianapolis Chapter has been holding events like this one and gatherings at Indianapolis Indians baseball games to connect alumni, parents, students, and prospective students.

"I enjoy being involved in the chapter because I believe in Cedarville," Jon said. "I have a 360-degree view of Cedarville as a student, a staff member, and now as an alumnus. What I have seen from every angle confirms what I have always known: Cedarville is not just about preparing students for a career; it's about preparing them for a life that glorifies Christ."

Learn more about alumni chapters and find one in your area! Visit cedarville.edu/alumni/chapters. If you would like to help organize a chapter or plan an event, contact Mark McDaniel '05, coordinator for regional events and services, at mmcdaniel@cedarville.edu.

1960s



Classmates from the '60s enjoyed a CC Friends Gathering in February 2011 in Sebring, Florida. Left to right, front row: **Lois (Brooker) Tejada '66**, **Ruth (Johnson) O'Bryon '65**, **C. Kay (Tatman) Stadt '67**, **Carol (Henson) Osborn '64**, **Judy (Lachman) Smith '63**, **Barbara (Unzicker) Eaton '64**, and **Marv Stephens '65**. Back row: **Helen Wing '65**, **Roger O'Bryon '64**, **Jerry Stadt '65**, **Jerry Osborn '67**, **Norris Smith '63**, **Jerry Eaton '66**, and **Jim Sprague '64**.

1970s



Jim Rickard '71 attended Cedarville's commencement on May 7, 2011, along with his daughter, **Pam (Rickard) Smith '87**, to see his grandson, **Andrew Smith '11**, graduate with a degree in journalism.



Loren Small '73 graduated from Wilkes University with a Master of Science degree in education in September 2007. His daughter, **Kristen '01**, received her master's degree on the same day. He and his wife, **Linda (Hinds) '76**, have five children and live near Montrose, Pennsylvania. Loren is the business manager at Blue Ridge School District and owns Power Equipment Group.

recent events



March 29 — Chick-fil-A
Columbus, Ohio | Networking Breakfast



April 9 — Residence of Doug and Julie (Buckley) Macrae '93
Boston, Massachusetts | Chapter Event



April 26 — Chick-fil-A
Hilliard, Ohio | Networking Breakfast



May 14 — Johnson Space Center (NASA)
Houston, Texas | Chapter Event



Rebekah (De Lancey) Trittippoe '78 announces the release of her third book, *Pace Yourself: 366 Devotions From the Daily Grind*, in May 2010 by CrossHouse Publishing. Following a 25-year career as a cardiovascular perfusionist, she now offers consulting services and teaches at Liberty University Online Academy in addition to writing and speaking. Rebekah lives in Bedford, Virginia, with her husband, **Gary '76**. They have two grown sons, Caleb and Seth.

1990s



Matthew Moore '92 has started Lamp and Light Productions, an arts organization with the goal of helping people see, hear, and experience God's Word. He is currently performing "King David: Scenes From Scripture," telling David's story directly from the Old Testament.

Rory Patterson '94 has been promoted from assistant to associate librarian at Liberty University. As a reference and instruction librarian, he plays a crucial role in the university's public services, serving on the reference desk, teaching information literacy in the classroom, and creating online tutorials to serve residential and distant students.



Raechelle (Brooks) Perrin '94 and her husband, Douglas, announce the birth of Daniel Monroe on October 4, 2010. He was welcomed home by his proud siblings, Robert Gardner (6) and Noemi Rae (2). They reside in Northville, New York.



Joe Slavens '94 and his wife, Broni, announce the birth of Georgia Kate DeJarnette on November 22, 2010. She joined Bella (5) and Lucy (3) in Redding, California. Joe is the director of student life at Simpson University.

Michael Pasquale '95 has published two books in 2011, *An ESL Ministry Handbook: Contexts and Principles* and *Every Tribe and Tongue: A Biblical Vision for Language in Society*. He is a linguistics professor at Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He and his wife, **Monica (Bolet) '91**, are missionaries with ABWE.



Jeff Gruet '97 and his wife, Amy, announce the birth of Taylor Jeffrey on June 16, 2010. He was welcomed home by big sister Jocelynn (3). They reside in Gloversville, New York.



Shari Read '97 and Roger Solberg were married on March 27, 2010. They reside near Malta, Montana, where Roger operates their grain farm and Shari works part time as a home health nurse.



Matthew '99 and **Stephanie (Jones) Jopson '99** announce the birth of Joy Katherine on June 5, 2009. She was born at home with the help of **Bethany (Vaught) Dykman '98**. The Jopsons also added Tori Marie (4) to their family in May 2010. Tori and Joy joined Isaac (7) and Natalie (4) in Xenia, Ohio.



Chad McFadden '97 and his wife, Sandy, announce the birth of Evan Alistair on August 14, 2010. He was welcomed home by Adrianna (7), Ian (5), and Lauryn (3). The McFaddens live in Indianapolis, Indiana, where Chad is the associate pastor of children and discipleship at Gray Road Baptist Church.



Jon Woolley '97 and his wife, Julie, announce the birth of Lauren Grace on November 6, 2010. Big sister Hannah (3) awaited her arrival in Dublin, Ohio.



Michelle (Smith) McClung '99 and her husband, Keith, announce the birth of Brandt Culver on November 23, 2010. After working in full-time ministry and then in the oil and gas industry for six years, Michelle enjoys being a stay-at-home mom. They own Crown Marketing Services and reside in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

alumni spotlight



Cindy Hasselbring '95 recently received a prestigious award given to educators.

Math Teacher Adds to Her Success

When her cell phone rang while she was teaching a math class, Cindy Hasselbring '95 learned, to her great joy and surprise, that she was one of 28 math and science teachers nationwide to be honored with the prestigious Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Award. Cindy teaches math and coaches track and cross country in Michigan at Milan High School, where she has served for 16 years.

Starting this fall, she will spend 11 months in Washington, D.C. Her responsibilities there will include evaluating candidates for research grants from the National Science Foundation. These \$10,000 grants, known as Presidential Awards, are highly competitive — only one math and one science teacher from each state are selected each year. Cindy was a Presidential Award recipient in 2006.

Cindy recognizes that her success is partly credited to those who invested in her as a student. In describing Cedarville's role, she said, "If it wasn't for my education, I am not sure I would be in the position to achieve this goal."

Although nationally recognized for her work in the classroom, Cindy's achievement extends beyond her day-to-day teaching duties. Investing in students is her top priority. "I tell them I love them," she said. For this reason, living in Washington for a year will be bittersweet, since it takes her away from the people of Milan. But she hopes her example will inspire her students toward a lifetime of hard work and dedication.

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recent events



May 24 — Chick-fil-A
Columbus, Ohio | Networking Breakfast



June 18 — John Rudy Park
York, Pennsylvania | Chapter Event



July 6 — Young's Dairy
Yellow Springs, Ohio | Regional Event



July 16 — Tacoma Rainiers Baseball Game
Seattle, Washington | Chapter Event



Kris (Boyes) Radcliff '99 and her husband, Eric, announce the birth of Victoria Rose on August 11, 2008. Kris enjoys staying home with Tori, and Eric teaches high school English. They live in Hartsville, South Carolina.



Ben '99 and **Lisa (Scott) Steckiel '00** announce the birth of Asher James on November 16, 2010. He joined Emma Jane (8), Abigail Grace (6), Avery Kate (5), and Evangeline Rose (3). Ben works for The Vanguard Group in Wayne, Pennsylvania, and Lisa enjoys staying home with the children.

Seth Valentine '99 is helping reshape the American automotive landscape as the program quality manager for North American small and mini cars at Chevrolet. He is putting his passion into the Chevy Sonic, the first subcompact car built in America.

2000s



Michael '00 and **Maren (Meyers) Boehm '01** announce the birth of Thatcher Franklin on November 26, 2010. He was welcomed home by his big brother Pierson (2). Michael is a pastor at Encounter Church in Louisville, Kentucky. Maren works part time as a technical support analyst and enjoys caring for the boys.



Mary (Zuleger) Daft '00 and her husband, John, announce the birth of their twin sons, Josiah John and James Joseph, on October 15, 2010. They live in Appleton, Wisconsin, where John works at M&I Trust Company and Mary stays home with the boys.



Hannah Dager '00 and Jason Thomas were married on June 5, 2010, at Highview Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky. Hannah is a first-grade teacher at Whitefield Academy. Jason received a degree in missions from Boyce Bible College in May 2011.



Gretchen (Savage) Michaelson '00 and her husband, Ben, announce the birth of Bryce Samuel on December 8, 2010. He was welcomed home by Caleb (6), Connor (4), and Sienna (2). Ben works as a business attorney. Gretchen works part time as a neurology nurse practitioner specializing in multiple sclerosis and the rest of the time caring for their crew. They live in Andover, Connecticut.



Hinnerk '00 and **JeriAnn (Goodbar) Wolters '00** announce the birth of Wade Gustav on November 18, 2010. He was welcomed home by big brothers Troy (6) and Ross (3). Hinnerk is a seed corn production manager, and JeriAnn loves staying home with the boys. They live in Livingston, Wisconsin.



Karen (Campbell) Dietry '01 and her husband, Erik, announce the birth of McKenna Joy on December 29. She joined her brother, Jason, in Hilliard, Ohio. Karen currently teaches reading part time.



Brittany (Smith) Napier '00 and her husband, Jim, announce the birth of Brock James on August 26, 2010. He joined Piper Hannah (18 months) in Buford, Georgia. Brittany is a stay-at-home mom, and Jim is a director of software.



Sara (Tomkinson) Beachy '01 and her husband, Daryl, announce the birth of Ryan Joel on January 13, 2011. They live near Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where Daryl is a pilot and aircraft mechanic and Sara is a stay-at-home mom.



Benjamin Mohler '01 and **Christina Taylor '07** were married July 31, 2010. Benjamin is the director of philanthropy and development for the Lee College of Engineering at The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and Christina is the fundraising database manager for Central Piedmont Community College. They reside in Charlotte, North Carolina.

alumni spotlight



Resident Gladys Fritz (above) thoroughly enjoyed the Wii bowling tournament.

Golf Team Plays Senior Circuit

How well do golfers bowl?

Residents at Life Care Center of Estero, Florida, found out on March 9 when they were visited by Cedarville's golf team. While the team was training over spring break in Naples, they stopped by the center for a Wii bowling tournament with the senior residents. Ryan Bowen '91, the team's coach, set up the visit with Jim Breuler '91, who was Ryan's roommate during college and now serves as the center's executive director.

Jim began inviting the residents to the event. When he told resident Gladys Fritz that a group of college boys from his alma mater was coming to play Wii bowling, she immediately made a hair appointment at the facility's beauty parlor.

"I just love seeing and talking to young people," she said. "I can't wait!"

The students and residents had a lot of fun together. "In a week marked by many of God's blessings on our team, it was a privilege to spend time serving and ministering to the residents at Life Care Center," said Ben Mounts '11.

Their coach agreed. "During our spring break week — when we focus mostly on ourselves — it was nice to be able to shift the focus to others," Ryan said. "It was special to see the residents' faces light up as we shared time together. We could tell that we made their day! Many thanks to Jim and his staff for making us feel very welcome."

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recent events



July 17 — Aroma's Coffee & Tea
Traverse City, Michigan | Regional Event



July 24 — Core Creek Park
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania | Chapter Event

welcome!



New Staff in Alumni Relations

Clara (Gebert) Lutz '10 (above left) is the new coordinator for programming and communication. Contact her about homecoming and eNews.

Sarah Whitfield '11 (above right) is the new administrative assistant. Contact her about updating your address and accessing your CedarNet login.

Sarah and Clara look forward to cultivating relationships that began at Cedarville and helping alumni stay connected to the Cedarville family. You may contact them at 1-800-837-2566.



Eric '01 and Jenny (Bonham) Sheldon '03 announce the birth of Grant Forrest on October 3, 2009. He joined his brother, Logan, in Tipp City, Ohio. Eric is a police officer in Dayton, and Jenny enjoys staying home with the boys.



Beth Cooley '02 and Ken Coulson '12 were married on July 24, 2010. They live in Cedarville, Ohio, where Ken is finishing his geology degree and Beth is the resident director of Willetts Hall.



Travis Hermann '02 and Melissa Bielo '02 were married on September 11, 2010, in Independence, Kentucky. They now reside in Cedarville, Ohio. Travis is a firefighter and paramedic for the city of Xenia, and Melissa is the staffing services coordinator in the human resources department at Cedarville.



Josh '02 and Emily (McQuinn) Raddcliffe '02 announce the birth of Hosea Joshua on July 3, 2010. They reside in Dayton, Ohio. Josh is an electrical engineer, and Emily is a stay-at-home mom.



Jamie Smith '02 and his wife, Mandy, are currently raising support to serve as missionaries in Zambia, Africa. They will be serving with Evangelical Baptist Mission alongside **Jim '75 and Rachel (Mayo) Chambers '78**. For the last six years, Jamie has served as associate pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Parkersburg, West Virginia. They have three children, Lorelei, Jorja, and Warrick.



Megan (Miller) Henderson '03 and her husband, Philip, announce the birth of Ryan Miller on August 20, 2010. Megan is a stay-at-home mom, and Philip is a security analyst. They reside in Dayton, Ohio.

John W. Bickett Heritage Scholarship Recipients

Left to right: Joshua Patton '12, Jeffrey Travis '12, Jeffrey Lynch '12
Not pictured: Brandon Hellwig '12, Brianne Spencer '12



Alumni Scholarship Recipients

Left to right, front row: Colleen Tucker '13 (political science), Stephanie Docter '13 (early childhood education), Ariel Finlay '13 (nursing)
Back row: Joshua Steele '13 (preseminary Bible and Spanish), Andrew Koch '12 (mechanical engineering) Not pictured: Gabriel Pyle '12 (industrial and innovative design), Scott Stephens '12 (organizational communication), Jihan Bok '13 (language arts education), Anna Reisenweaver '11 (music performance), Chase Summerlin '13 (marketing and prelaw), Michelle Mitchener '12 (chemistry, molecular and cellular biology), Kelly Madden '13 (prepharmacy), Elizabeth Dickey '12 (exercise science), Hannah Holmes '13 (psychology), Jennifer Dixon '12 (social work)



More Than \$107,000 Awarded in Scholarships

Dozens of students were honored for leadership and academic excellence during the annual Honors Day chapel in April. Awards were based on fields of study and future pursuits, and scholarships were provided by alumni, parents, and friends like you.

Two annual academic scholarships are specifically funded by alumni gifts: the John W. Bickett Heritage Scholarship and the Alumni Scholarship. The Heritage Alumni of Cedarville College (those who graduated prior to 1953) established the John W. Bickett Heritage Scholarship in 1982. John Bickett was the first graduate of Cedarville College. This award was presented to five senior students preparing for pastoral or missionary service and planning to further their education in seminary or language studies.

The Alumni Scholarship, established by the Alumni Council, was presented to 15 students. Each academic department selects one recipient to receive this award.

Thank you for generously giving to support student scholarships!



Laura Jolly '03 and Matt Lintz were married on September 4, 2010. Matt works as a contract IT specialist at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, and Laura is the assistant director in career services at Cedarville. They live in Xenia, Ohio.



Joel Tomkinson '03 and Allison Miller were married on June 3, 2011. They live in Cedarville, Ohio, where Joel serves at Cedarville as director of marketing and editor of *Inspire* and *Torch*. Allie works part time in the residence life office.



Eileen (Hopkins) Flores '04 and her husband, Jose, recently transferred to Charlotte, North Carolina. Their daughter, Elena, was born on September 25, 2008.

upcoming events

September 22

Columbus, Ohio | Chapter Event

September 30–October 1

Homecoming 2011, Cedarville, Ohio

For more events, visit cedarville.edu/alumnievents.
(All event information is subject to change.)

photo contest



Joe '06 and Lana (Terpstra) Miller '06 took their Cedarville attire to new heights. They are pictured here at Victoria Peak overlooking Hong Kong. This photo made them the overall winner of the last contest!

The spring 2012 issue will feature winners of the annual "Where in the World Is Cedarville?" photo contest. While you're enjoying a vacation or gathering with friends and family, wear a Cedarville shirt or jacket and take a photo. Winners will receive \$50 gift certificates. Submission deadline is February 1. For more information, visit cedarville.edu/witw.

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Ross '04 and April (Olson) Gilfillen '07 announce the birth of Madeline Adelle. She was born on June 13, 2010, in Springfield, Ohio. After two years of teaching kindergarten, April now stays home with Madeline, while Ross works full time and is earning a Master of Divinity from Tennessee Temple University.



Molly Rehm '04 and Brad Boreman were married on July 31, 2010. Brad works for his family's logging company, and Molly is a neonatal ICU nurse. They reside in Smithville, Ohio.



Joe Knable '05 and Kate Klein '09 were married on January 3, 2009. They live in Jacksonville, Arkansas, where Joe serves as an Air Force public affairs officer at Little Rock Air Force Base and Kate is a reporter for Stephens Media's central Arkansas newspapers.



Matthew '05 and Erin (Hamrick) Krizo '04 announce the births of their daughters, Emma Joy on July 6, 2009, and Callie Anne on March 2, 2011. Matthew is a research engineer for the Air Force Institute of Technology, and Erin stays at home with the girls and has a small photography business. They reside in Xenia, Ohio.



Adam '05 and Megan (Dulin) Townsend '05 announce the birth of Timothy Ray. He was born on December 14, 2010, and welcomed home by his brother, Nathan (2). Adam is the senior pastor of First Baptist Church in Woodsfield, Ohio.



Brandon '06 and Bethany (Deidel) Colas '08 announce the birth of Hannah Flannery on April 12, 2011. Brandon is a captain in the army and currently stationed at Ft. Benning, Georgia. Bethany enjoys staying home with Hannah.

Remembering Two Legacies

Pastor Harold "PG" Green



Pastor Harold R. Green, affectionately known as "PG" (for "Pastor Green"), passed away on May 19, 2011. In 1970, PG became the first director of Christian ministries and campus pastor. He initiated the Fellowship, a campus-based ministry modeled after the local church, to shepherd Cedarville students through their college years.

PG developed a group of Fellowship student-leaders called the Advisory Twelve (later the Advisory Seven) and considered these young men his sons in ministry. He later became the first vice president for Christian ministries.

Along with Dr. Don Callan, PG started Missions Involvement Services (MIS), which sends hundreds of students, faculty, and staff to minister around the world each year. He was personally involved in trips to Australia, Russia and Ukraine, Hungary, and Romania and led spring break evangelism teams in Florida.

PG formally retired in 1995 but continued to serve the University in church relations for another 13 years. His wife, Margaret, served as his administrative assistant throughout his tenure at Cedarville. Together, they traveled across the United States connecting with churches, schools, alumni, and prospective students.

PG's ministry extended beyond the University community as a church planter, pastor, camp ministry founder, Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches leader, and chaplain for the Springfield, Ohio, Air National Guard.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Margaret; four children, Randy '75 and Janet (Green) Tate '75, Rich and Kathy (Green) Boettger '78, Dann '80 and Michele (Feura) Green '83, and Larry '82 and Beth (Miller) Green '81; and 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Rev. Marv Troyer '61



Rev. Marvin B. Troyer '61 passed away on April 2, 2011. As a married student, Marv attended morning classes so he could be home with his young son while his wife, Jan, worked evening shifts as a nurse. Yet he still found time to nurture his pastoral calling at Cedarville, preaching and teaching in prison and orphanage ministries and serving as president of his senior class.

Marv pastored five churches primarily in Indiana, including two that he started in Churubusco. His pastoral ministry took him to Los Angeles for four years where he also became the chaplain for the Oakland Athletics baseball team. Marv's responsibilities branched out in many directions throughout his career, and he provided leadership on several organization boards, including Cedarville University, the Indiana Fellowship of Regular Baptist Churches, and Calumet Baptist Schools.

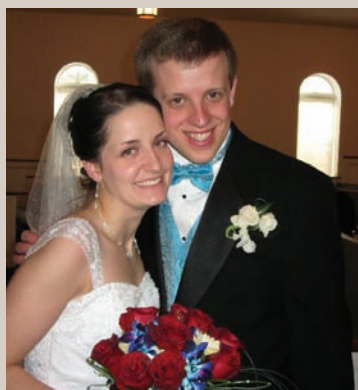
From 1997 to 2005, Marv served at Cedarville as the coordinator for off-campus student services, providing support for married and commuting students. He also directed the "Champions of Character" athletic program and was the chaplain for the men's varsity basketball team. In his retirement years, Marv was found most days at the University's recreation center where he led the Senior Jackets, a fitness program encouraging a healthy lifestyle for local senior citizens.

In 2009, Cedarville's alumni relations office honored Marv at homecoming with the Distinguished Service Award. On June 1, 2011, the athletic department and the Senior Jackets planted a tree on campus in Marv's honor.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Janet; four children, Tim and Wendy Troyer, Scott and Cindy (Troyer) Norris '84, Jeff and LeAnn Troyer, and Jenny Troyer '01; and six grandchildren.



Michael '07 and Lachelle (Richter) Hubenthal '08 announce the birth of Abigail Grace, born on May 15, 2010. Michael is an engineer at General Dynamics Electric Boat, and Lachelle works part time as a labor and delivery nurse. They reside in Uncasville, Connecticut.



Phil McLeod '08 and Jazmine Cook '10 were married on January 22, 2011. They live in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, where Phil works at Sight and Sound and Jazmine enjoys being a housewife.



Dan Merkh '10 and Rachel York '10 were married on October 2, 2010, in Larkspur, Colorado.

Timothy Snell '10 has been accepted into the history graduate program at the University of Northern Colorado.

posts and tweets



If you're a Facebook enthusiast, search for "Cedarville University Alumni Association" to connect with old classmates and meet new friends. See upcoming events and browse photos from past ones. Become a fan today!



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alumni directory

We've Saved You a Spot!

It's time to update your information for the new alumni directory.

This comprehensive resource will include the names of everyone who attended Cedarville since we opened our doors in 1887. Books will be compiled by PCI publishing in cooperation with the Cedarville University Alumni Association and will be available for purchase as part of Cedarville's 125th anniversary celebration.

Watch your mail and e-mail for more details!

torch



To read the latest issue of *Torch*, as well as past versions, visit cedarville.edu/torch.

Doesn't it seem like we're inundated daily with bad news? If it's not a global health crisis, it's a natural disaster, terrorism threat, energy shortage, or economic meltdown. How should Christians respond to our fearful culture? Jesus reminded His followers that worrying about the future would not "add a single hour to your life" (Matt. 6:27). How do we discern between real threats to our security and so much hype? The next issue of *Torch* (fall-winter) will explore this topic from a biblical perspective.

health sciences center



Leave your mark on the new building!

Don't miss your opportunity to get a sneak peek inside the new Health Sciences Center during homecoming weekend. Immediately following the parade on Saturday, October 1, gather at the construction site to look inside and sign your name on the unfinished floor and beams.

Made possible through the gifts of alumni and friends, the Health Sciences Center will further our solid foundation of academic excellence and Christ-centered care. Join us as we celebrate the future of health sciences at Cedarville!

Learn more: cedarville.edu/hsc

In Memory

We extend our condolences to the families and friends of these dear loved ones.

Lois (Jeremiah) Mills '60, of Nashville, Tennessee, passed away on December 7, 2010. She was the daughter of former Cedarville president and chancellor James T. and Ruby Jeremiah. Lois is survived by her husband, **David '64**; children, Tammi Wagner, Denise Dize, and **Scott Mills '92**; siblings, **Dr. David '63** and **Donna (Thompson) Jeremiah '63**, **James '70** and Sherri Jeremiah, **Dr. Maryalyce Jeremiah '65**; step-sister, **Marilyn (Rayburn) Twigg '78**; and seven grandchildren.



Keith Abshear '66 passed away on March 15, 2011, from a rare blood cancer. Keith retired from Navistar (International Harvester). He is survived by his children, Shonette Holbrook, Ryan, and Matt; two grandchildren; and siblings, Richard, Paul, Jim, and Kathy Palmero.



Eric Henderson '83, of Springfield, Ohio, passed away on February 21, 2011. He taught music in the Springfield City School system for 11 years and enjoyed singing in the choir at his church. He was an avid Steelers fan and valued his friendships. He is survived by his mother, Edith Henderson; sister, **Becki (Henderson) Bohlen '85**; brother and sister-in-law, Jeff and LaVonne Henderson; and special friends, **Marty '76** and **Ruth (Stone) Book '75**.

Hugh Anderson, Jr., '85 passed away on September 13, 2010. After teaching 10 years in Moundsville, West Virginia, Hugh served 16 years as the city editor and photographer for the *Moundsville Daily Echo* newspaper. For 45 years, he vacationed near the Cass Scenic Railroad that runs through the West Virginia mountains. He is survived by his parents, Hugh and Elva Anderson, and many extended family members.



Dale Yoder '86 passed away on December 18, 2010, at his home in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, following a battle with cancer. Dale received his master's degree in community counseling from Shippensburg University. He was a member of the National Board for Certified Counselors and directed the intensive behavior management program of The Arc of Washington County in Hagerstown, Maryland. Dale published several articles, served on numerous organization and ministry boards throughout his career, and was an active member of the Antrim Brethren in Christ Church. He is survived by his wife, Sharon; daughters, Stefanie, Kristi, and Victoria; and seven siblings.



Deborah (Warnshuis) Terhune '89 of Edinboro, Pennsylvania, passed away on March 29, 2011. After completing her master's degree in nursing from Edinboro University, she became a nursing professor at Mercyhurst North East and served at Millcreek Community Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Anthony; three children, Jacob, James, and Elizabeth; and siblings, **Mark '91** and **Cheryl (Steiner) Warnshuis '92**, **John '93** and **Jeanette (Rome) Warnshuis '93**, and **James Warnshuis '95**.



Jeffrey Zwart, M.D., '93 passed away on December 21, 2010, following a long battle with leukemia. Jeffrey was a graduate of Indiana University School of Medicine. He was appointed director of robotic surgery at Akron General Medical Center where they established the Jeffrey B. Zwart Educational Fund for Minimally Invasive and Robotic Surgery in his memory. He was affectionately known as "Doc" at Open Door Baptist Church where he served in music ministry. He is survived by his wife, **Adrienne (Butterfield) '92**, and three children.



Thomas Redding '91 passed away on March 23, 2011. Tom is survived by his mother,

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alumni spotlight



Tricia Wegman '08 is on an 11-month quest through 11 countries doing 11 ministries.

Around the World in 330 Days

Moving to Costa Rica to work as a special education teacher and basketball coach was a bold step for Tricia Wegman '08. Yet a greater adventure lay ahead.

"After living in Costa Rica for two years, I started to get comfortable again," she said, "but the Lord wasn't about to allow that." She was ready to see more of the world and gain a greater understanding of God's work among every tribe and every tongue.

She applied to be a racer in the unique global-missions trip called The World Race. Participants travel around the world, serving people in a variety of ministry settings. Soon after being accepted, she began trekking across the globe.

Since September 2010, Tricia and her team have been on a quest to serve in 11 countries in 11 months doing 11 different ministries. They have traveled to such places as Nepal, India, Kenya, Uganda, Cambodia, Thailand, Romania, and Ukraine. Their adventures have included working in leprosy colonies, leading worship in a red-light district, rafting down the Nile, and hiking through the Himalayas.

"Every day is in God's hands," Tricia said. "I've realized that we've been entrusted with spreading the Word, no matter what danger that puts us in — and in turn I am convinced that God will guard what I have entrusted to Him." Learn more about The World Race at theworldrace.org.

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Cedarville Celebrates Commencement 2011



Rear Admiral Dr. Barry C. Black (Ret.), 62nd Chaplain of the U.S. Senate, challenged the 608 graduates at Cedarville University's 115th commencement ceremony on May 7, 2011, to be open about their faith through the hope found in a risen Savior.

"Be proud of who you are in Christ," Dr. Black said. "You are salt and light. Salt brings flavor: your environment should be more palatable because you are there. Salt preserves: your intercession should make the world safer. Light illuminates without making a sound. Let your life be a sermon."

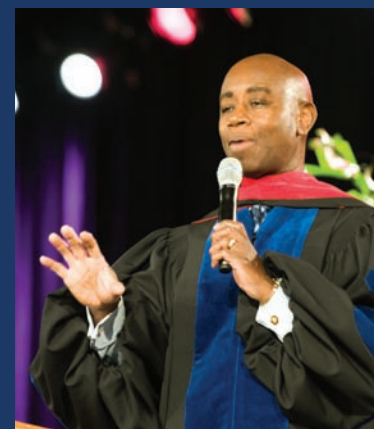
Cedarville President Dr. Bill Brown conveyed to the class a message on rising above the norm. "When everyone around you is looking for an easy path," he said, "your commitment to excellence and quality should stand above the rest."

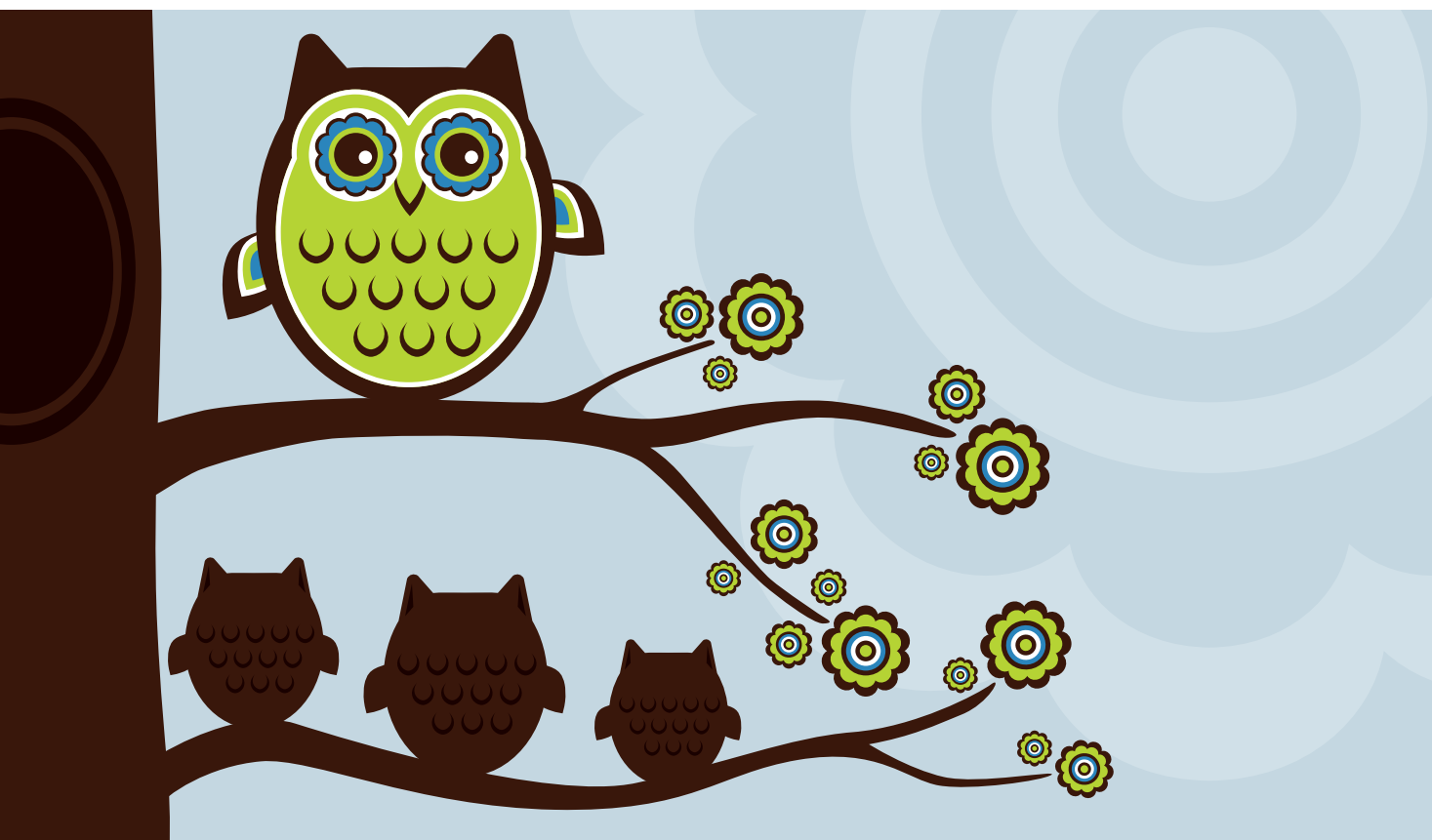
Three graduates were honored with the University's most prestigious student award. The President's Trophy, the highest honor for a graduating senior, recognizes leadership,

ministry, community and campus involvement, athletic performance, and academic achievement. The 2011 recipients were Emily Shanahan, a communication studies major from West Carrollton, Ohio; Emily Chiu, an early childhood education major from Vestal, New York; and Andrew Barfell, a biology major from North Royalton, Ohio.

Dr. Brown also presented the Faculty Scholarship Award to four students who maintained perfect 4.0 grade point averages throughout their college careers: Joy Kellogg, a marketing major from Arlington, Ohio; Lauren Townsend, an early childhood education major from Wausau, Wisconsin; Cameron Walters-Carlson, a psychology major from Lakeland, Florida; and Jessica Wynalda, an accounting major from Comstock Park, Michigan.

During the ceremony, the class of 2011 presented their class gift, \$10,000 toward an endowed scholarship that will benefit students with financial need.





Words of Wisdom

by Sandi (Welch) Harner '64

MANY COLLEGE STUDENTS face their senior year with a great deal of anxiety. Not only are they concerned about capstone projects and final exams, but they also worry about résumés and interviews. As director of the technical and professional communication (TPC) program, I asked myself how I could help my senior TPC majors succeed as they prepare for the job search. The obvious answer? TPC alumni.

Investing in Lives

In the early '90s, I invited several of my friends who worked in the technical communication profession to become part of my newly formed Industry Advisory Board. After getting their positive responses, I invited five of my TPC graduates to join the board. Over the years, board members have come and gone, but eager alumni have always been willing to fill the positions.

As board members, they take an active part in the preparation of our TPC students. During fall semester, they conduct mock phone interviews. A few weeks later they come to campus to lead practice interviews. They also give specific feedback on students' résumés, cover letters,

and interviewing skills. During spring semester, board members come back to campus and conduct face-to-face portfolio reviews, evaluating both the hard-copy portfolios and the way students present them during an extended interview.

"It's a wonderful privilege to be a member of the TPC Industry Advisory Board," said Scott Bennett '96, who works in corporate communications at Procter & Gamble. "We have the rare opportunity to invest in the lives of today's TPC students on a very personal level. One of my most pleasant surprises after graduation was realizing how well my TPC degree had prepared me for a successful writing career — despite my doubts and lack of confidence leading up to that day. Looking back, I wasted a lot of time worrying about how prepared I would be. Among the many reasons I enjoy coming back often to coach, mentor, and teach today's TPC students about the profession, I most appreciate the opportunity to bolster their confidence and dispel their doubts. 'Trust me,' I say with confidence, 'you will add tremendous value wherever you go.' That's the one thing I wish someone had told me."

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— Scott Bennett '96, member of the TPC Industry Advisory Board

Reaching Far and Wide

Because networking is the name of the game when it comes to looking for an internship or job, our TPC alumni are ready to help students make valuable connections. Kristen Recupero '10 and Jonathan Miller '00 work at Compunetix in Pittsburgh and were instrumental in helping Apryl Sniffen '12, a TPC student, land an internship there this summer.

This past spring, Matt Petrie '11, a TPC senior, was looking for a job in Indianapolis. I contacted Adam Evans '09, who works at ExactTarget in Indianapolis, and asked if he could help. "I was more than willing to do whatever I could," Adam said, "because I really believe in Cedarville's TPC program. I've found a fulfilling career in technical writing, and I want to help others achieve that same satisfaction. I e-mailed Matt's résumé to a few colleagues I've come to know in the industry, and I posted his résumé on a LinkedIn group called Technical Communicators of Indiana — one of the primary resources I go to for local tech comm resources." Within days, Matt had several phone interviews. Just before graduation, he accepted a job offer.


That's how it works — over and over again. It is common practice for me to receive a call or an e-mail from a TPC grad asking for résumés of current students who are looking for internships or jobs. The alumni network reaches far and wide and benefits our students each year.

I can give my students good career advice, but for some reason it is more meaningful when graduates tell them the same things. Each spring semester, I invite several TPC alumni back to campus for a grad panel. The room is packed with TPC majors — from freshmen to seniors. (Of course, it doesn't hurt that I tell students it is a required meeting.) But I know from more than 20

years of doing this that the information and encouragement alumni share that night is invaluable. They intersperse funny memories of their time at Cedarville, but mostly they assure students, "I felt just like you do now — worried about the future, nervous about the job market. But I'm here to tell you that your studies in this program prepare you for a great career in TPC."

Reinforcing the Cedarville Family

Scott says it well: "I think I speak for the entire board when I say that our passionate investment in these students is both professional and personal. In addition to 'talking shop' with the students, we talk at length about our past experiences building relationships, living out our faith, and persevering through difficult situations in the workplace. Our giving back goes much deeper than giving career advice."

In the uncertain future that faces today's college seniors and the daily news stories about a bleak job market, anything we can do to ease their way into a career reinforces their place in the Cedarville family. I have found there is so much potential for student/alumni partnerships. It simply wouldn't make sense to do this job without the help of our TPC alumni. 

Sandi (Welch) Harner '64 serves as senior professor of technical and professional communication in a program she developed at Cedarville in 1984. In 2001, Sandi was named a Fellow of the Society for Technical Communication (STC), where she also served on the board of directors from 1998 until 2006. She has been at Cedarville since 1981 and serves on the alumni council. You may contact her at harners@cedarville.edu.



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— Adam Evans '09,
Documentation Writer
at ExactTarget

A Career of Service

Dave Gaffner's '69 career path was anything but traditional. After working as an associate pastor, high school guidance counselor, and varsity basketball coach, he came back to Cedarville in 1981 to develop the University's first career placement office.

Dave was hired by Don Rickard '58 to build this new department from the ground up and serve as its director. At that time, there were no "career days," and most companies had no idea there was a quality institution of higher education in the cornfields of Cedarville, Ohio. But through creative networking, Dave soon convinced Big Eight accounting firms and national corporations, including General Mills, to recruit students for jobs and internships.

Before long, the career fairs outgrew the dining hall, spilling out into the hallways and lobby. So Dave began offering smaller, more specialized events. Counseling is one of Dave's great passions, and he poured himself into helping students create résumés, write cover letters, and participate in mock interviews.

After leaving Cedarville in 1995, Dave pursued his doctorate in counseling at Ohio University while advising undeclared students part time. He worked a few years in behavioral health, but his heart to guide young people in their future pursuits drew him to Washington Court House, Ohio, where he now works as a guidance counselor at Washington High School. He still does some individual and marriage counseling on the side.

Dave and his wife, Marlene (Schonscheck) '68, have three married children, Michelle '92, Matthew '96, and Bethany '98.

You may contact Dave at david.gaffner@wchcs.org.



Where
Are They
Now?



College Family Connection

by William E. Brown, Ph.D.

Nobody noticed that I did not attend my college graduation. The size of the university and the lack of community made me feel unattached, so I said, “Just send me my diploma in the mail.”

This is why I cherish the Cedarville experience. Daily chapel, engaged faculty, and vibrant student life programs develop an engaged community and provide lasting memories. No place is perfect, but when we say “Friends for Life,” it is more than a tagline.

The Family

I have always liked the motto of Bob Evans restaurants: “We treat friends like family.” The same is true for many Cedarville students and alumni. The college years are a time when students develop the personal commitments that shape the trajectory of their lives. Unique college experiences and memories embed deep into their hearts. Like biological families, the Cedarville family grieves together over losses and rejoices over personal successes.

That family spirit is alive and growing through 23 (and counting!) alumni chapters around the country. I try to visit as many alumni gatherings as I can each year, and it is always encouraging to see and hear alumni from different eras share their common bond in Christ. At one recent event, an alumnus said, “I never thought I’d see the Cedarville family again outside of homecoming. This is great!”

The Network

The network begins on campus. The alumni relations office provides events, a helpful website, and the monthly eNews to keep alumni connected with the University and with each other. Off campus, Cedarville friends and family help guide students and alumni to jobs, churches, housing, and more. The Cedarville network becomes larger and more visible every year.

I am encouraged by the way this network is mobilizing to propel Cedarville into the future. These are challenging days for most colleges and universities, and our alumni are responding by giving more and connecting more.

Interest in Cedarville has never been higher, and alumni are among the best recruiters. They are also providing more scholarship dollars to ensure that worthy students can afford to attend.

The Key

The key is Cedarville’s Christ-centered focus. Christ is the magnet that keeps us together in ways that extend beyond ballgames and concerts. I am so grateful for the alumni, parents, and friends who provide help, guidance, and encouragement for others in the Cedarville family.

There are so many ways you can be involved — just let us know your interest. To those making the most of your Cedarville connections, thank you ... from our family to yours.

Dr. Brown’s Top Picks

■ Book

Think: The Life of the Mind and the Love of God by John Piper

Typical high-class Piper, this book reminds us that we must think deeply and appropriately about what we believe. It is challenging and motivating.

■ Website

quotationspage.com

A catalyst to ponder deep thoughts. I like the motivational quotes page. Some will make you laugh; some will make you angry; all will motivate you.

■ Podcast

Music Lessons on iTunes

On the iTunes podcast page, search for “Music Lessons” to see videos that teach you how to play the guitar, drums, bass, or even how to be a disc jockey. Most are free.

■ Movie

For My Father

This 2008 Israeli film is a gripping story of a young Palestinian who travels to Tel Aviv with a bomb strapped under his shirt. When the device malfunctions, he must spend the weekend with local Jews who have no idea that on Monday he plans to have the bomb repaired to carry out his mission.

Unrivaled Friendship

by Leslie Black

This is a story about the wonderful heritage and influence of Christian education in the lives of two men — my husband, Neil Black '87, and his childhood friend, David Regnier '84. Both grew up in Christian homes, and both attended the same church as small boys.

They were inseparable, like brothers. Neil went to Dave's house for pizza every Wednesday night before church. In high school, they both played varsity basketball at Emmanuel Christian School (ECS) in Toledo, Ohio.

Dave went on to Cedarville to study history, and Neil followed a few years later, majoring in physical education. In college, they joined forces on the baseball team. After graduation, Dave returned to his high school alma mater and for 25 years has worn every hat of a Christian school educator.

It wasn't long before Neil followed in Dave's footsteps and returned to teach at ECS, where we met. Dave was Neil's best man at our wedding, and Neil was the same for Dave. Both men have committed their lives to Christian education.

In 1991, Neil and I sensed God's call to Calvary Christian School in Muskegon, Michigan. For the next 13 years, Neil and I served at several schools while Dave faithfully served at ECS. Our families remained very close, visiting in the summers and even keeping in touch with each other's parents.

In 2003, God brought us back to Toledo where Neil became an administrator at Monclova Christian School, one of ECS's athletic rivals. In God's own sense

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of humor, Neil now coaches varsity boys' basketball at Monclova, and Dave coaches varsity boys' basketball at ECS. Seeing them coach against each other at ECS — where they played as high schoolers and taught as colleagues — was priceless!

As I sat in the stands and watched these two men of God coach their own sons on opposing teams, with both families cheering everyone on, I was thankful for the godly heritage our sons have received from their fathers and the faithfulness of their parents before them. It was an emotional moment as I reflected on how many young lives Dave and Neil have influenced in their teaching and coaching careers.

Leslie Black and her husband, Neil '87, live in Maumee, Ohio, where he is the principal and boys' varsity basketball coach and she is a social services director. They have two children, Zach and Carleigh. You may contact Leslie at leslie.anneblack@yahoo.com.



David Regnier '84 coaches at his high school alma mater, Emmanuel Christian School.

Neil Black '87 and David, pictured here in 1999, have been friends since childhood.

Neil coaches at Monclova Christian School, Emmanuel's cross-town rival.



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